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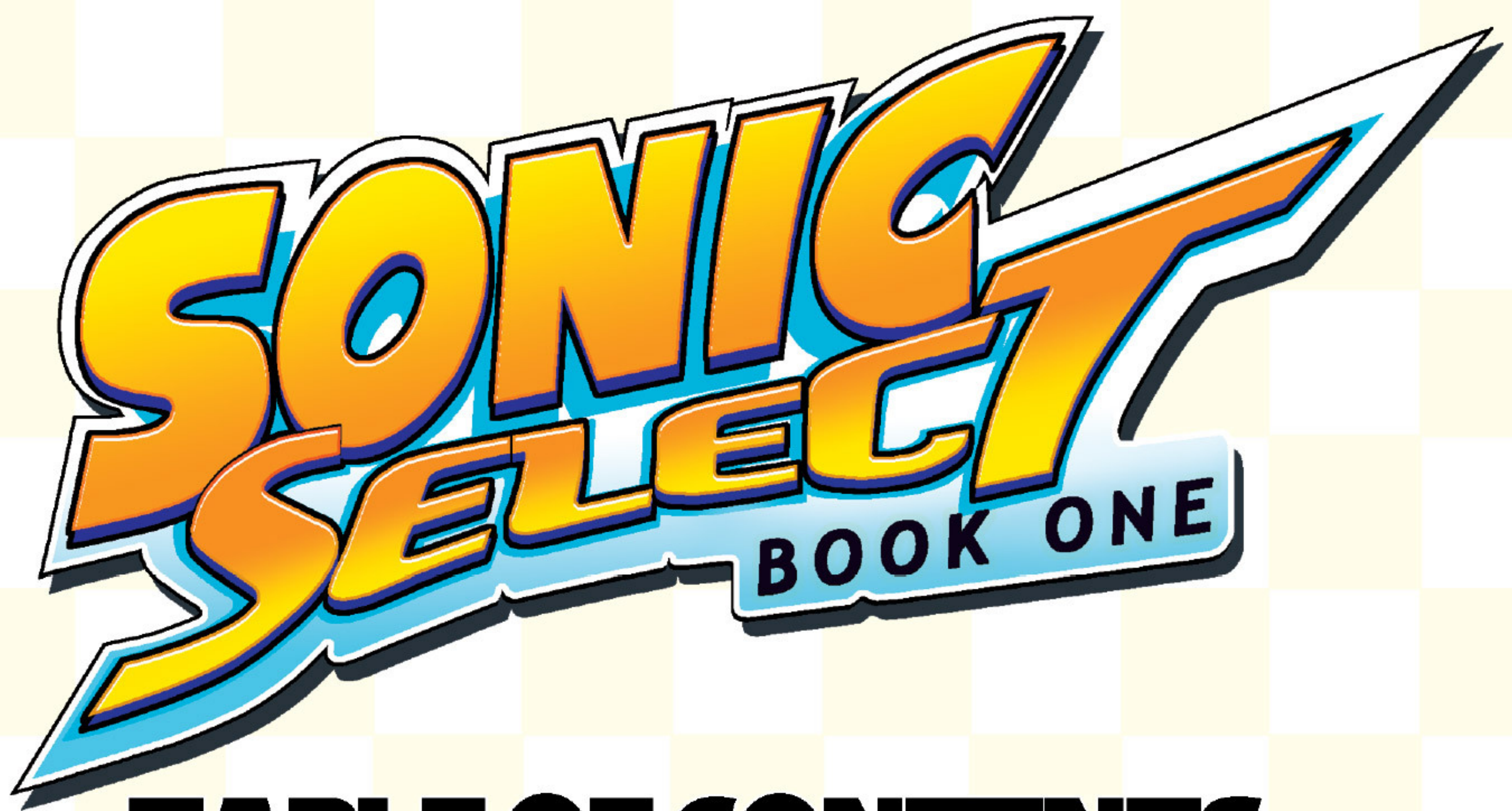


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"Tails' Tallest Tale" (In Your Face):

In his second solo story, Tails is forced to prove himself to a local "Sonic Fan Club" when Robotnik decides to crash the party!

"Panic in the Sky" (Sonic & Knuckles):

When the Floating Island runs off course, it's up to Sonic and Tails to investigate the problem. And that problem's name is Robotnik!

“Fire Drill” (Sonic & Knuckles):

Knuckles’ first solo story! When an unknown stranger creates a disturbance on the Floating Island, Knuckles explores his flying home to find the culprit.

“Lord of the Floating Island” (Sonic & Knuckles):

Knuckles proves his worth yet again when a young kangaroo turns up lost, and in the middle of a terrible wind storm. Strange things are afoot on the Floating Island!

“T-T-Triple T-T-Trouble” (Triple Trouble):

Infamous bounty hunter Nack the Weasel makes his grand debut when he teams up with Dr. Robotnik to locate two halves of a chaos emerald. Sonic must ally with Knuckles to keep the demonic despot from wiping the Floating Island off the map!

“Submersible Rehearsal” (Triple Trouble):

Our furry fox friend navigates his new submarine, the “Sea Fox”, into murky waters! It’s an epic undersea battle against one of Robotnik’s slippery sub-bosses: Octobot!

“First Contact” (Triple Trouble):

A stranger named “Archimedes” contacts Knuckles, and Knuckles is determined to learn whether he is friend or foe!

“The Substitute Freedom Fighters” (Sonic Live!):

Robotnik has finally succeeded in capturing the Freedom Fighters, and it seems the day will be his! That is, until Sally’s trainees team up to rescue them!

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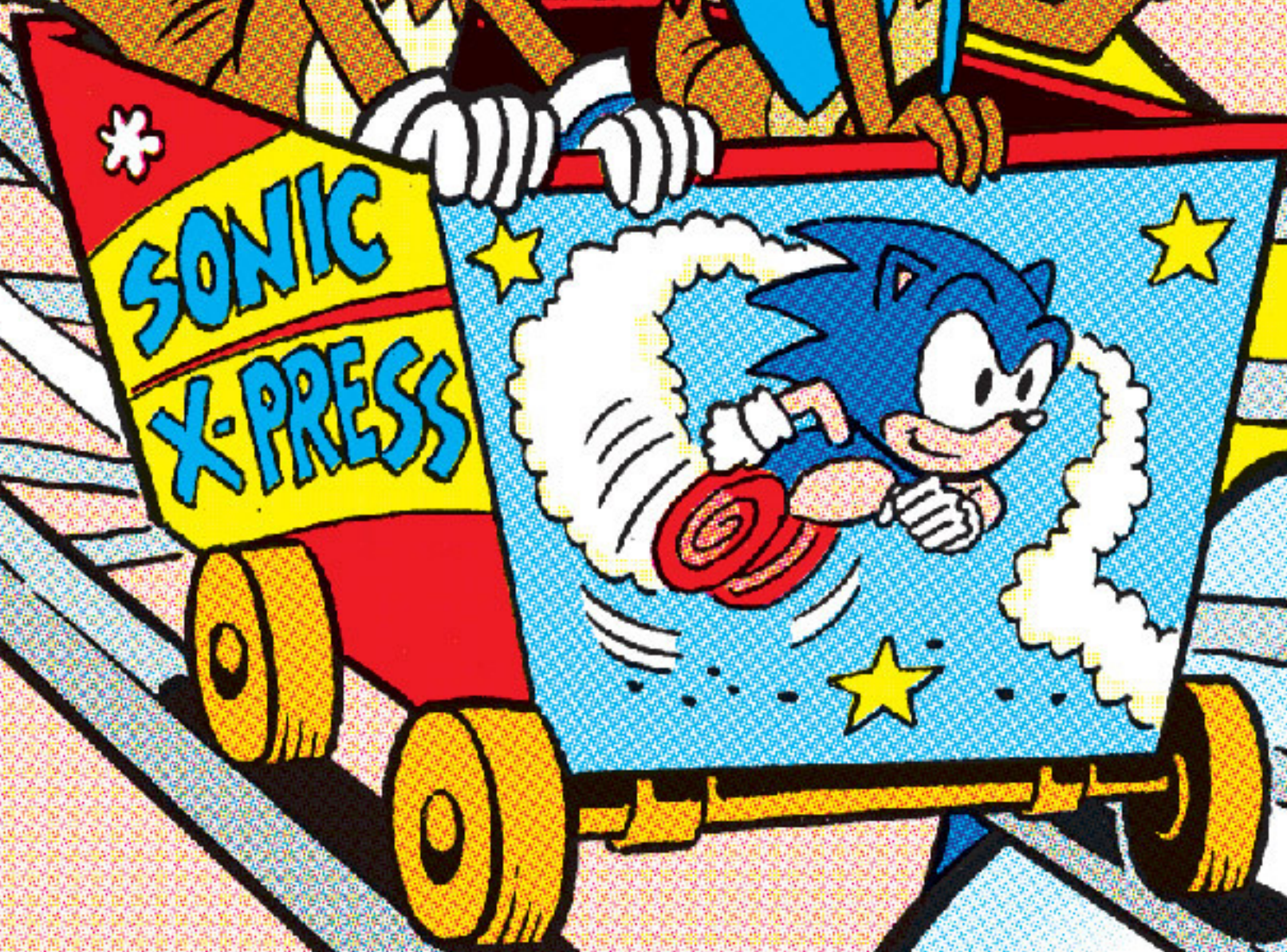
THE HEDGEHOG™

IN YOUR FACE!



I'VE ALWAYS
SAID SONIC HAS
A *BIG MOUTH*--
BUT THAT'S
RIDICULOUS!

MANAK & DiGOSTINO



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Sally™

SONIC
THE
HEDGEHOG™

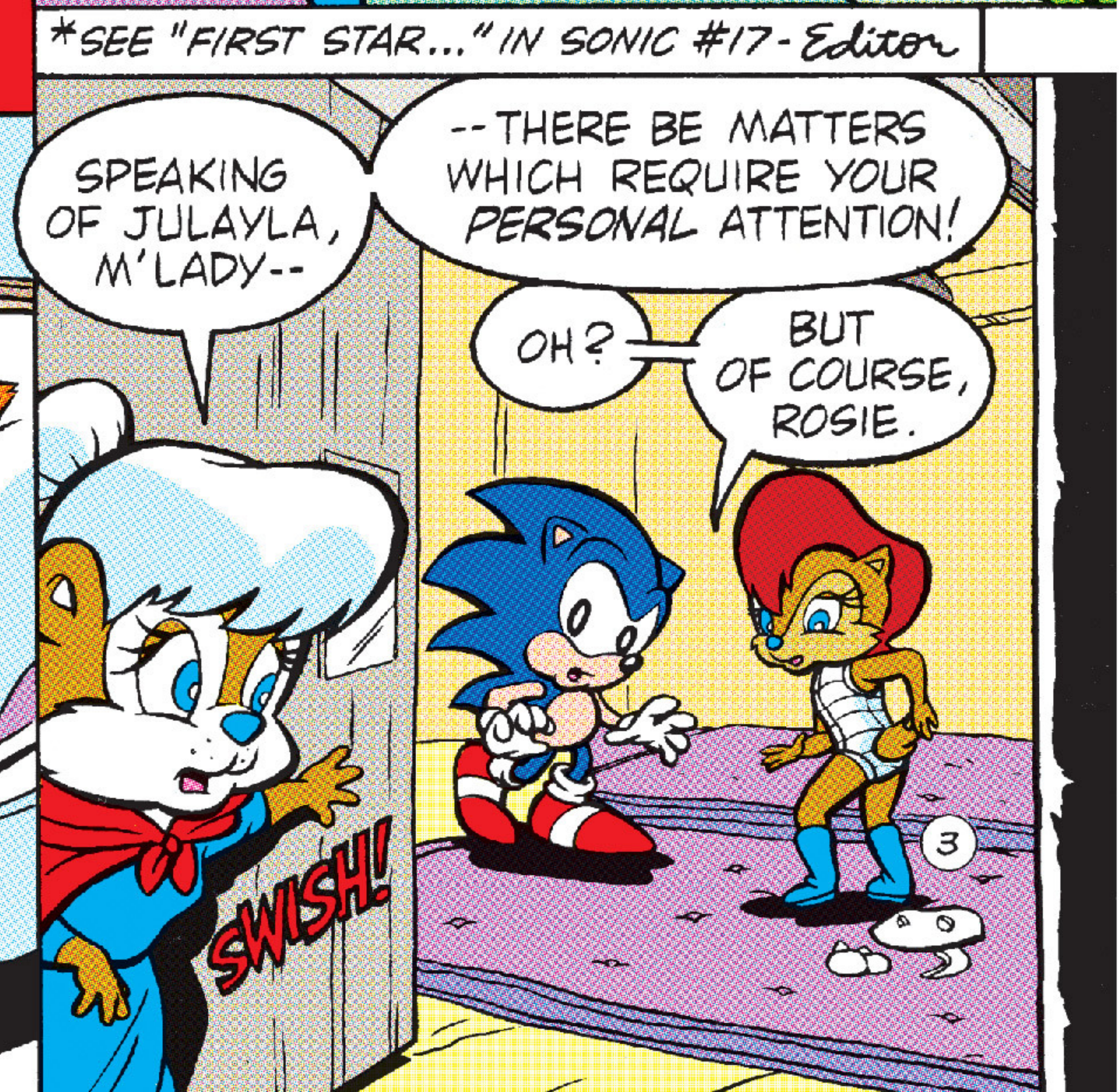
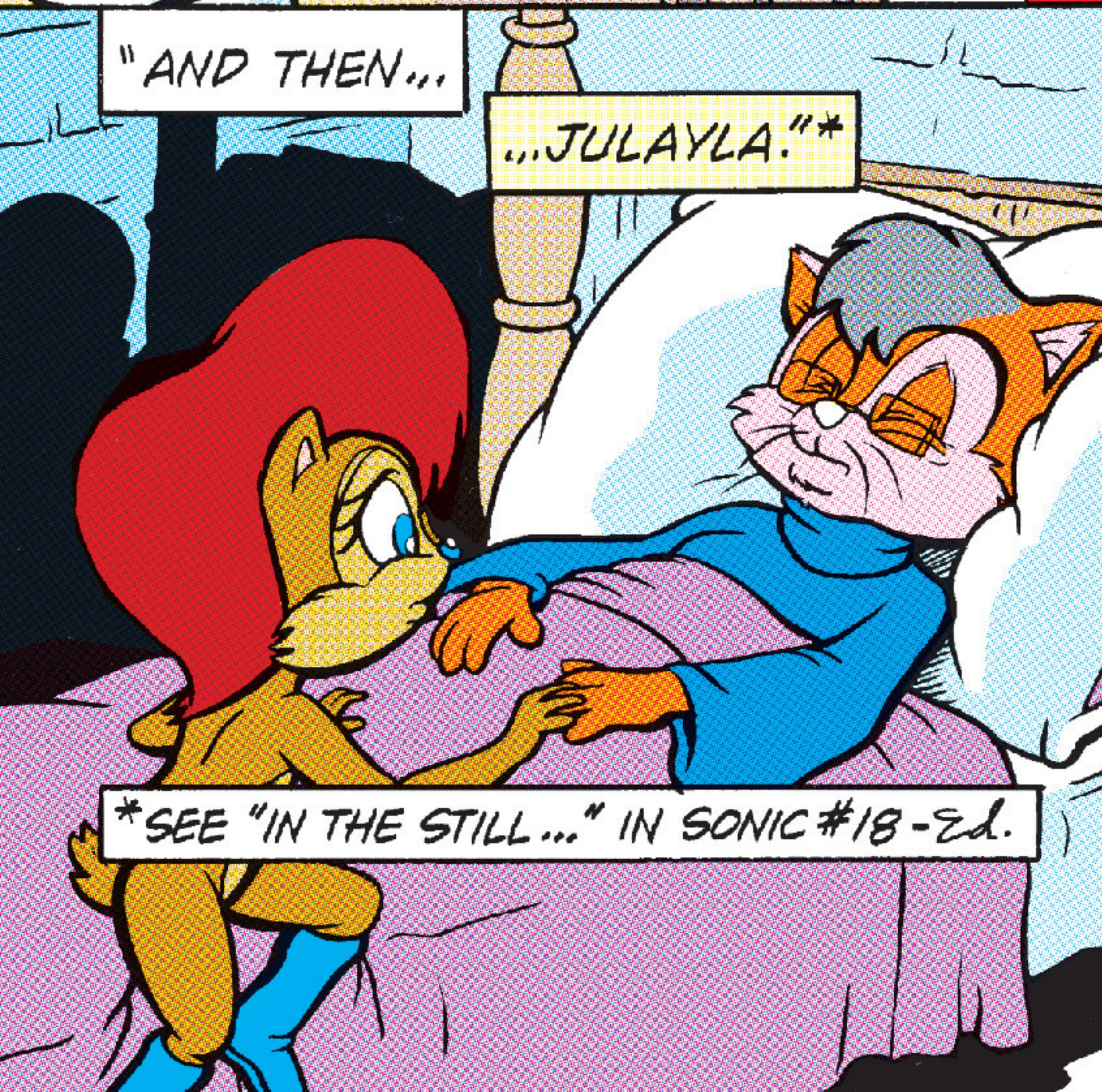
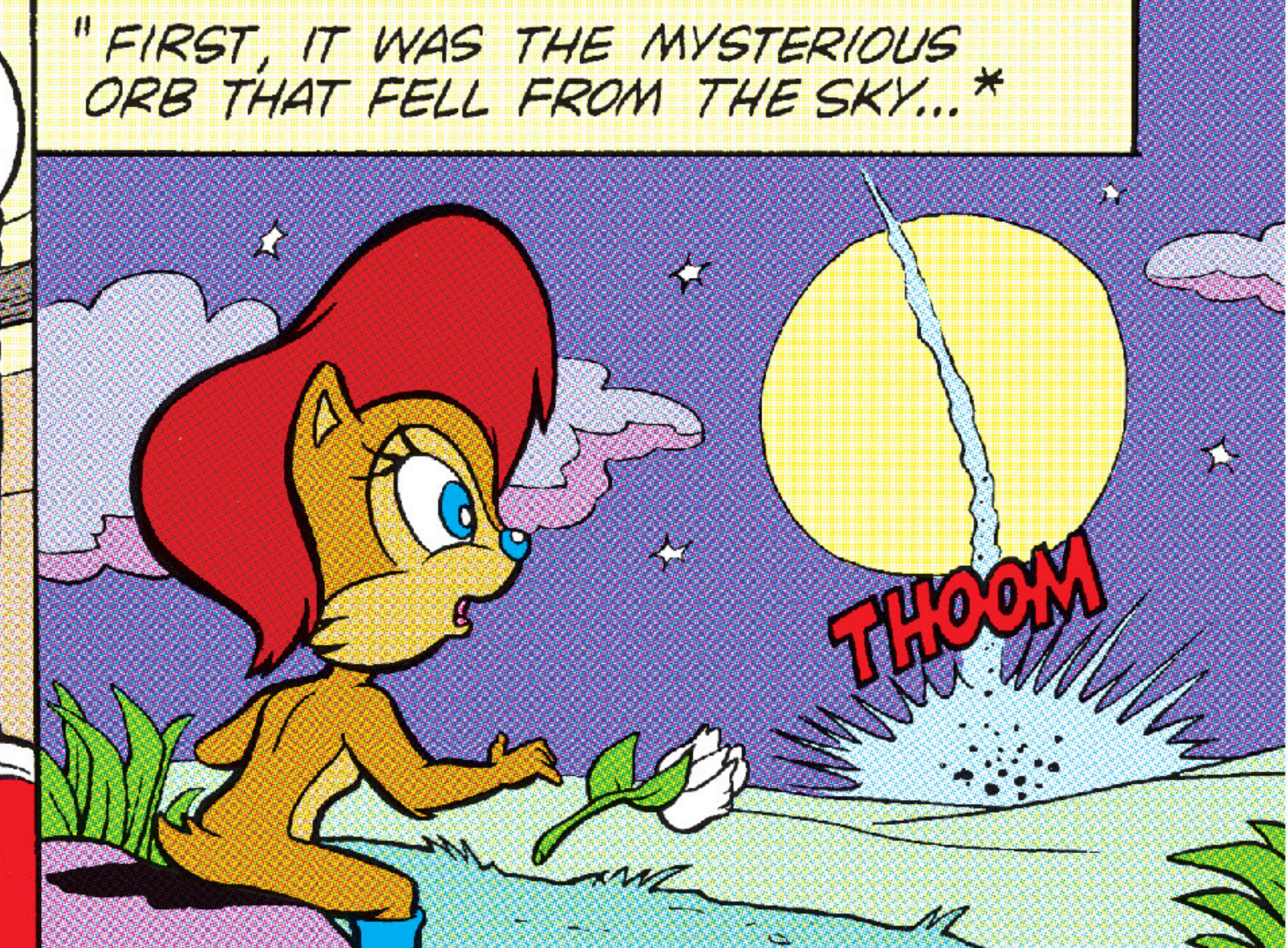
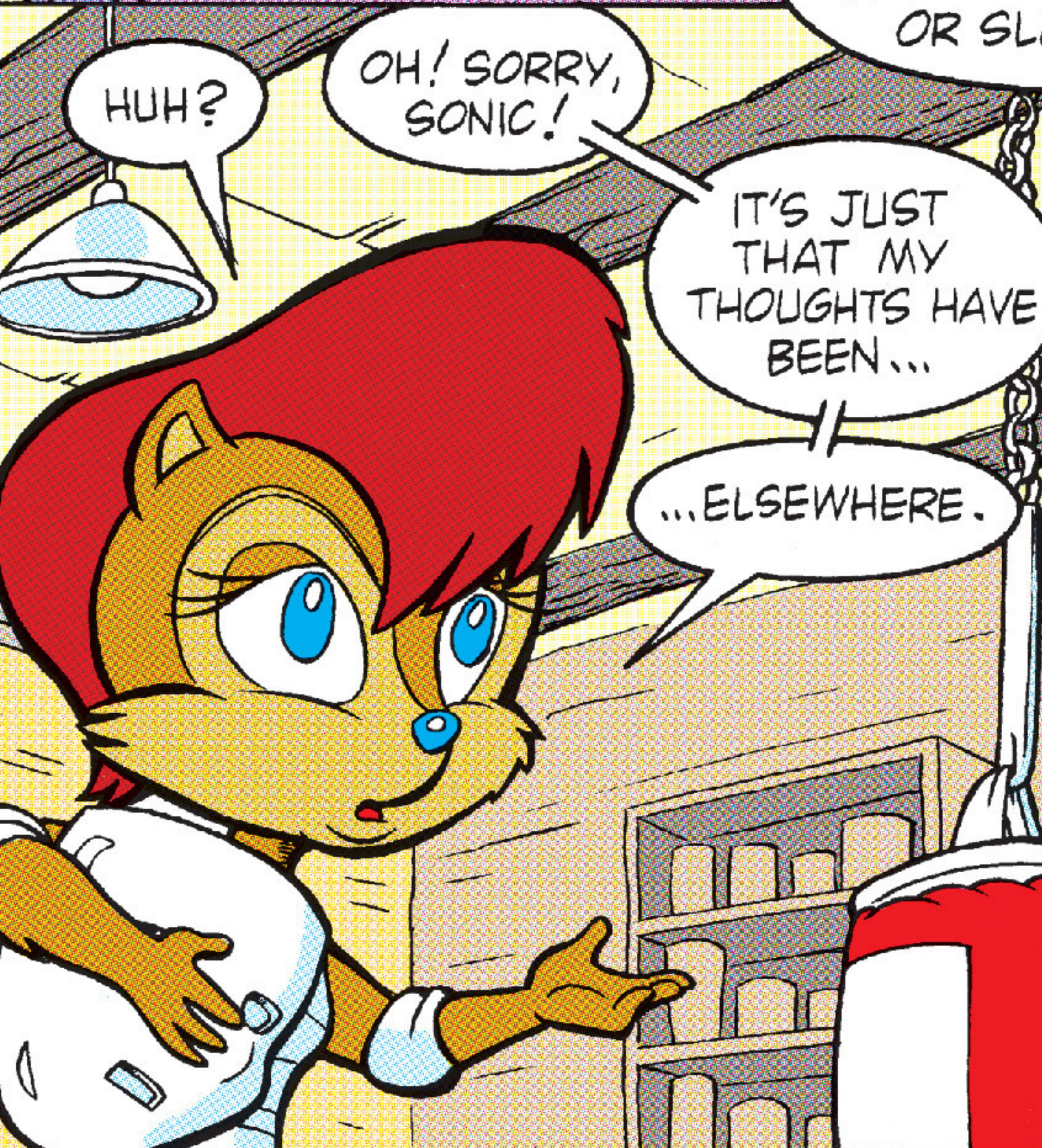
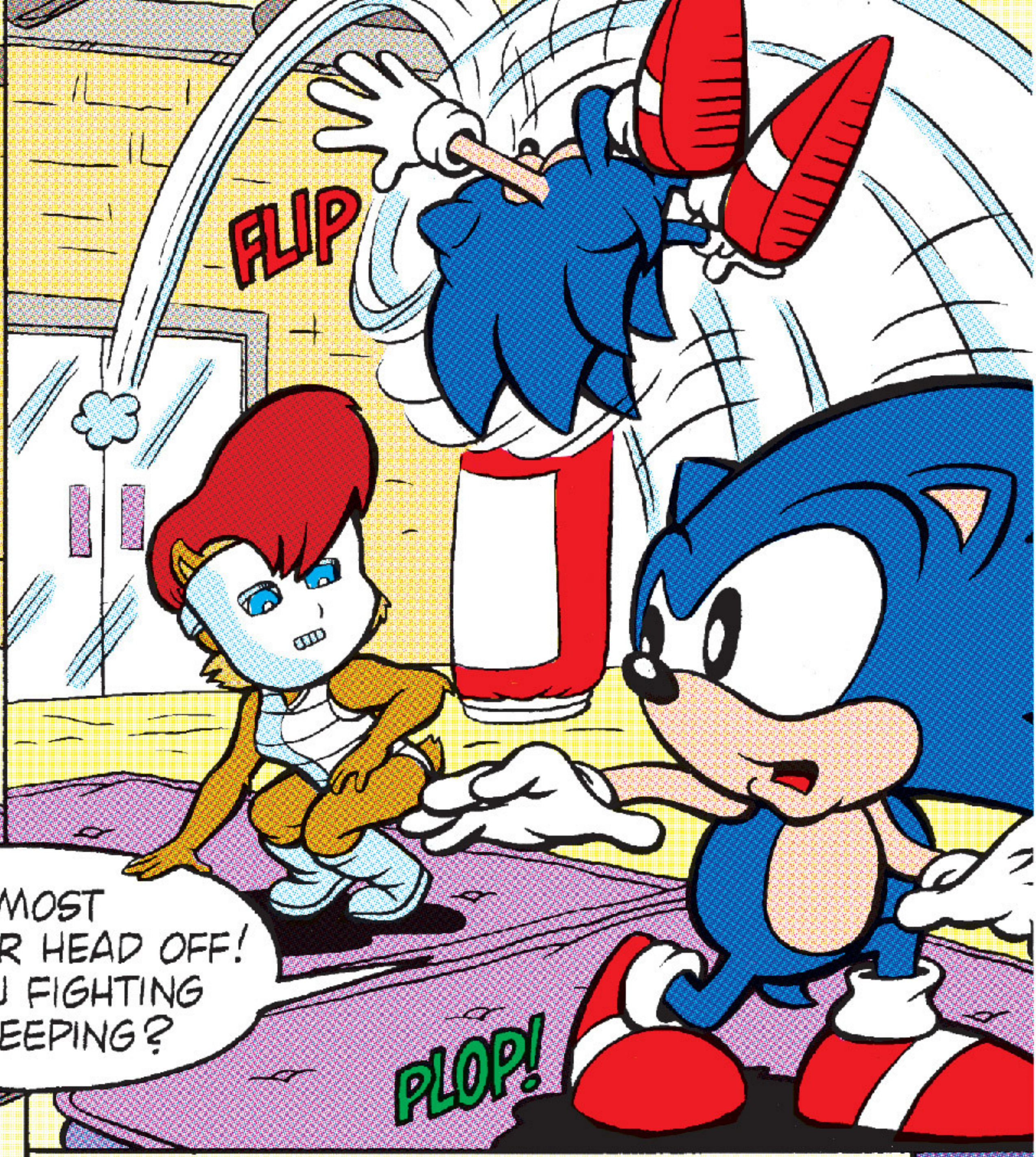
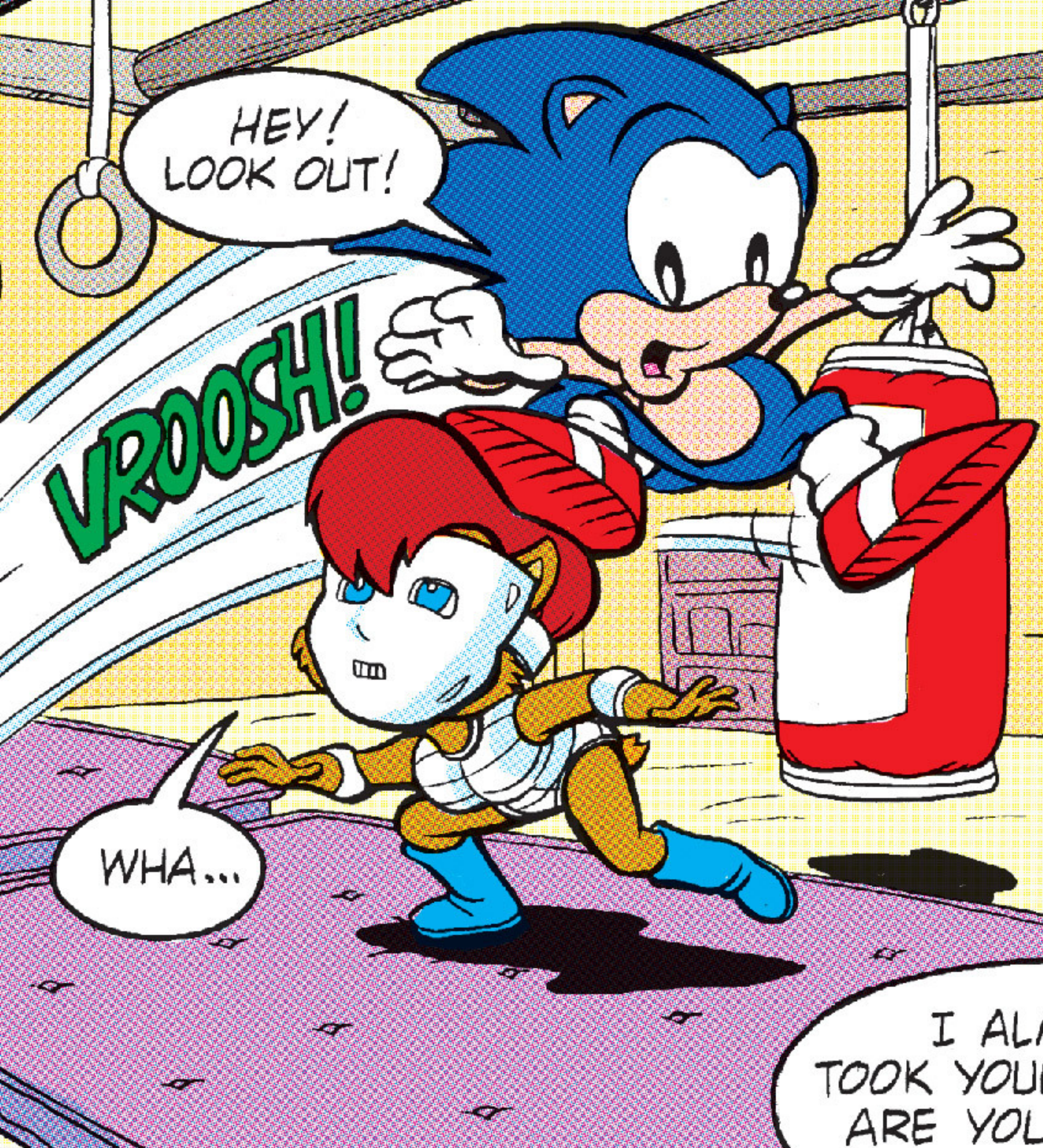
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INTRUDER! I'M
SPRINGING
AHEAD...

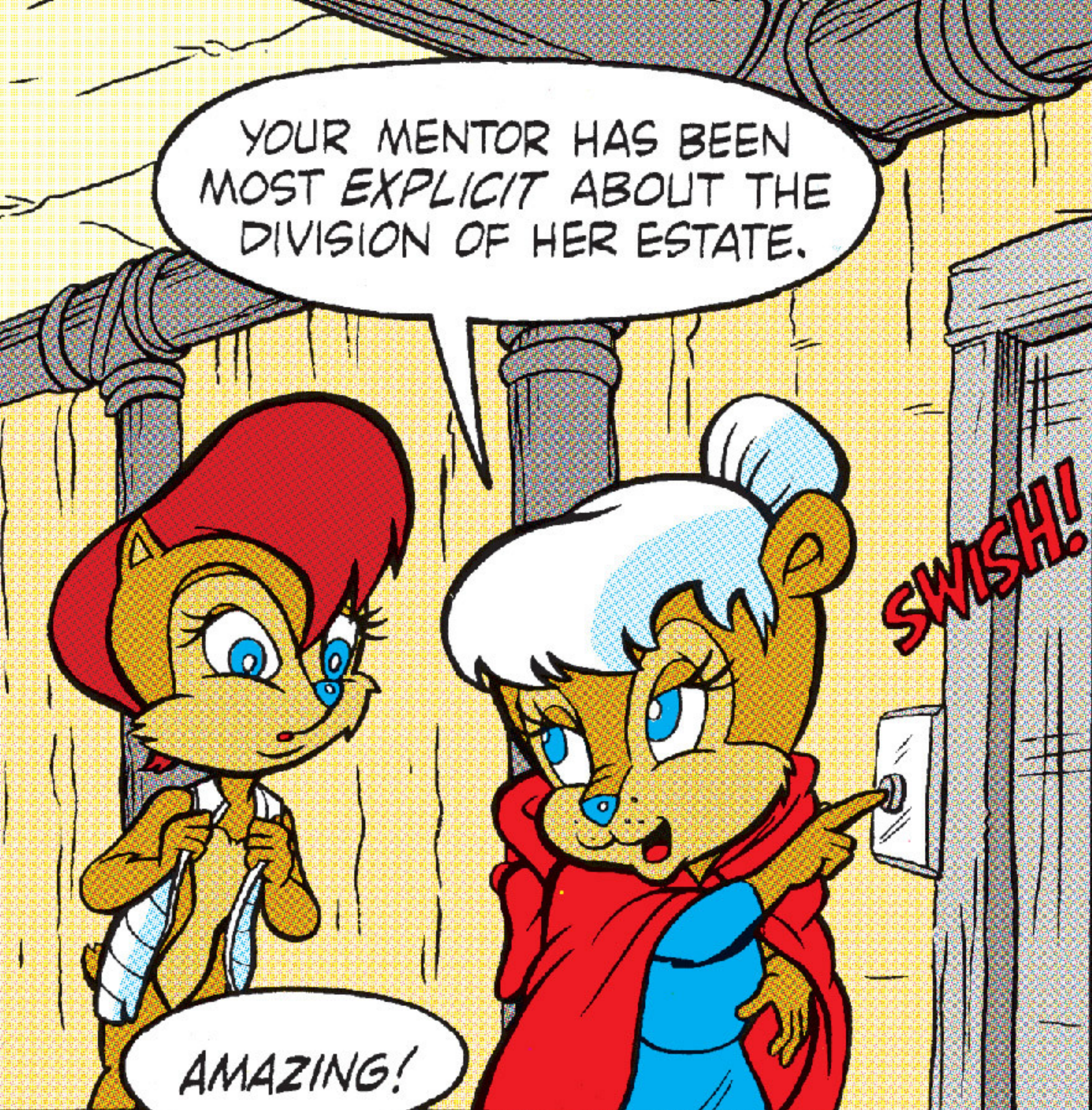
SPRONG!

...AND YOU'RE
GOING TO BE FALLING
BACKWARD!

THE
QUEST

PRINCESS SALLY'S CRUSADE: CONCLUSION!

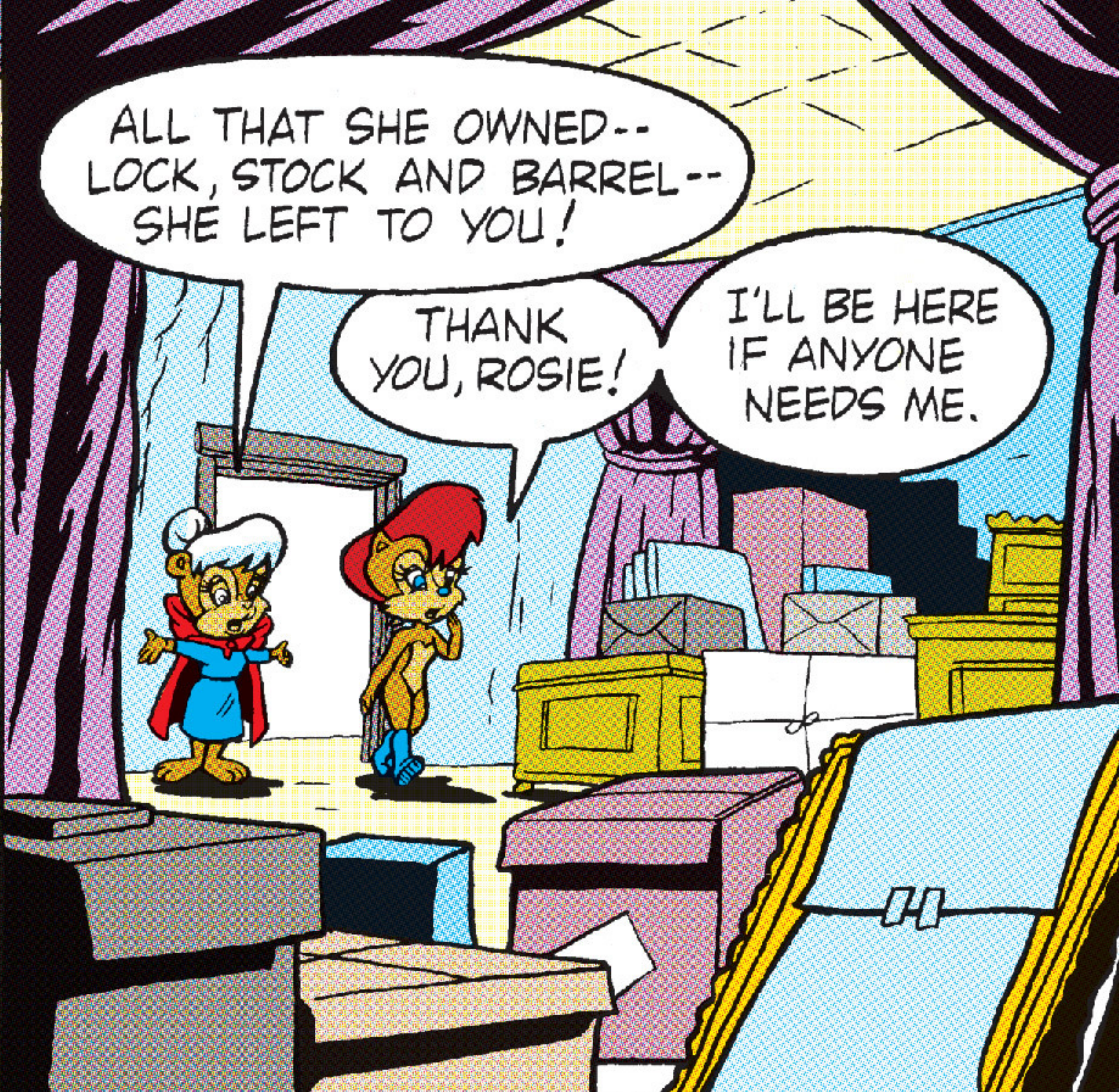




YOUR MENTOR HAS BEEN MOST EXPLICIT ABOUT THE DIVISION OF HER ESTATE.

SWISH!

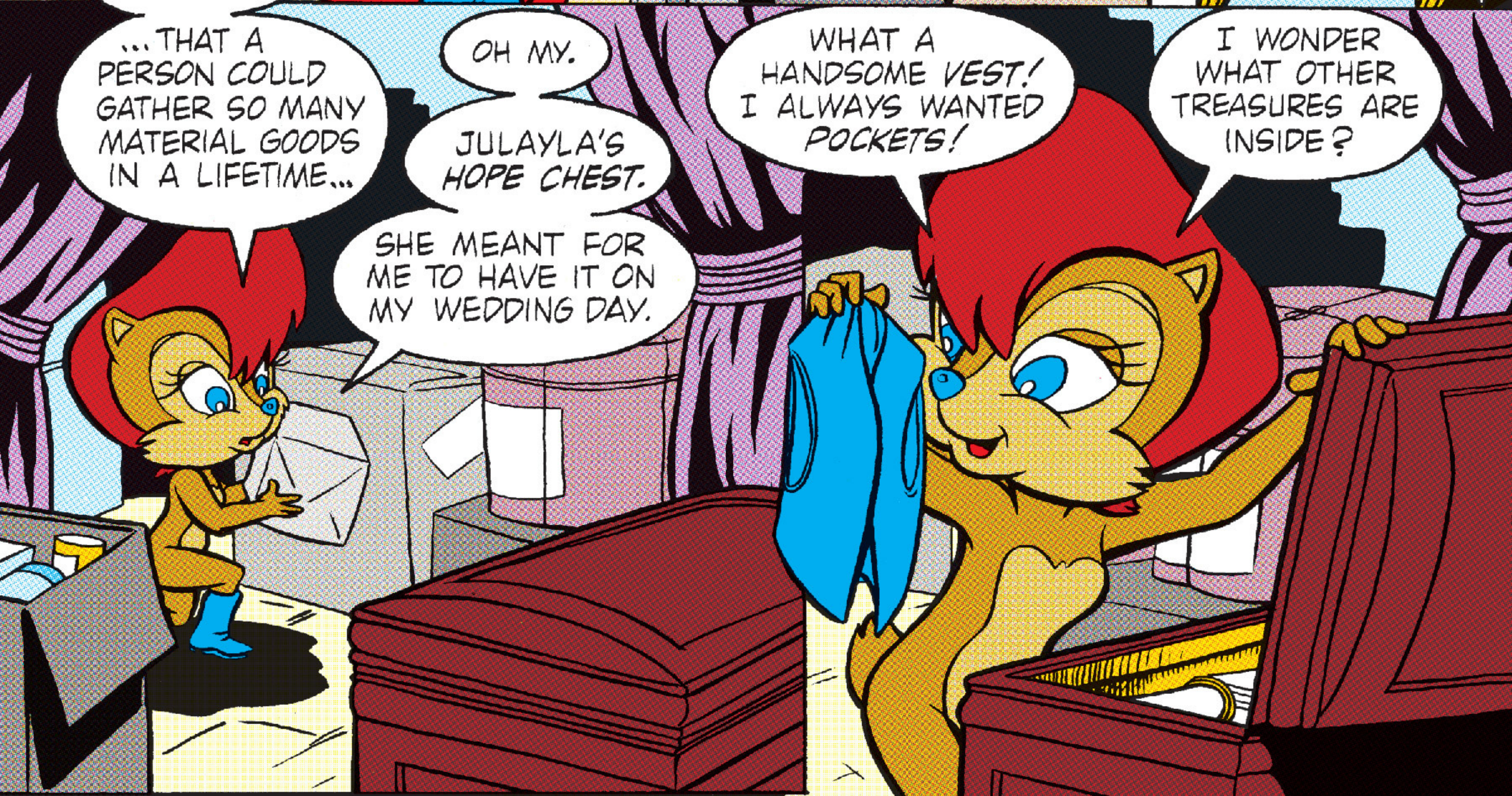
AMAZING!



ALL THAT SHE OWNED-- LOCK, STOCK AND BARREL-- SHE LEFT TO YOU!

THANK YOU, ROSIE!

I'LL BE HERE IF ANYONE NEEDS ME.



... THAT A PERSON COULD GATHER SO MANY MATERIAL GOODS IN A LIFETIME...

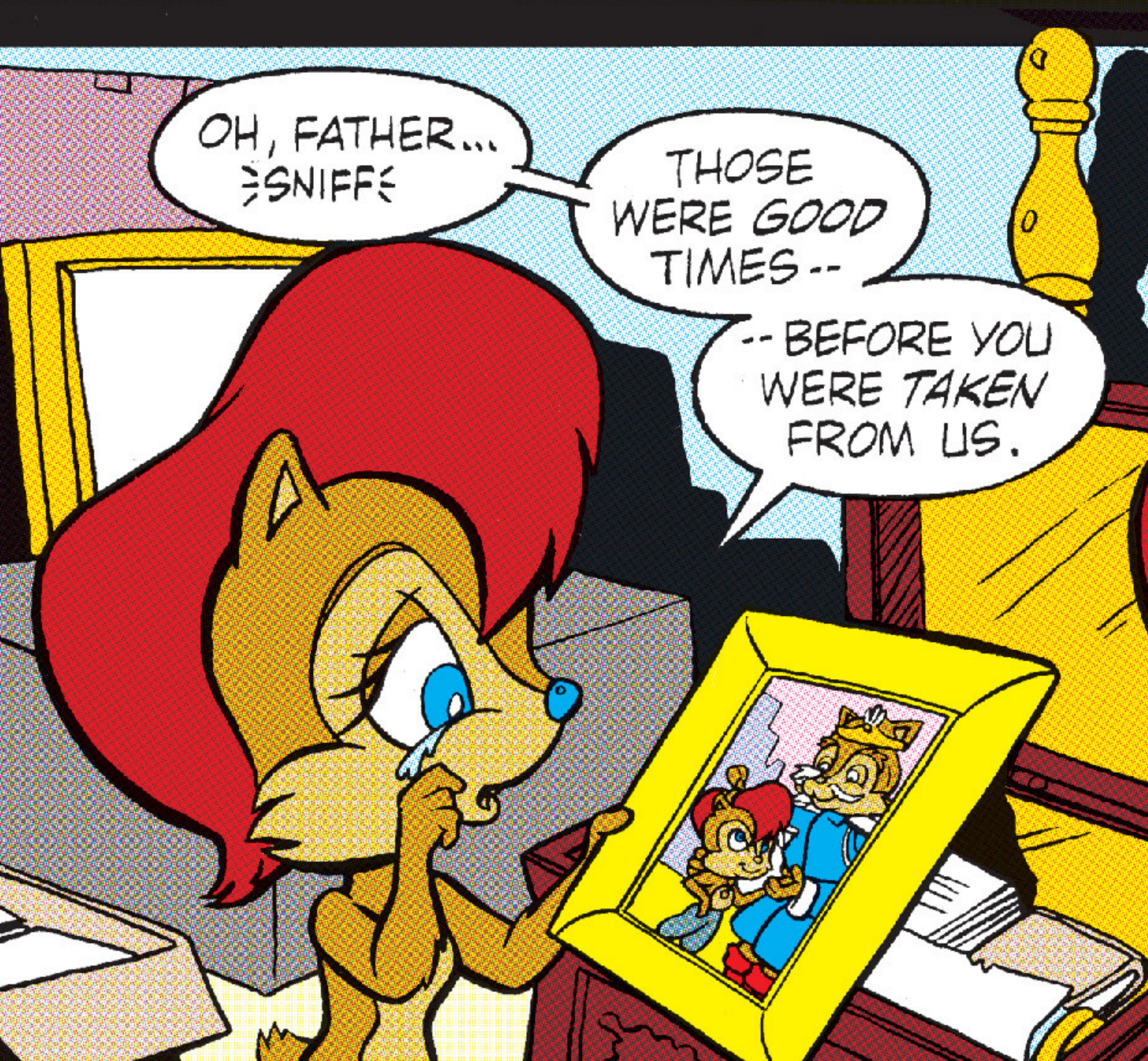
OH MY.

JULAYLA'S HOPE CHEST.

SHE MEANT FOR ME TO HAVE IT ON MY WEDDING DAY.

WHAT A HANDSOME VEST! I ALWAYS WANTED POCKETS!

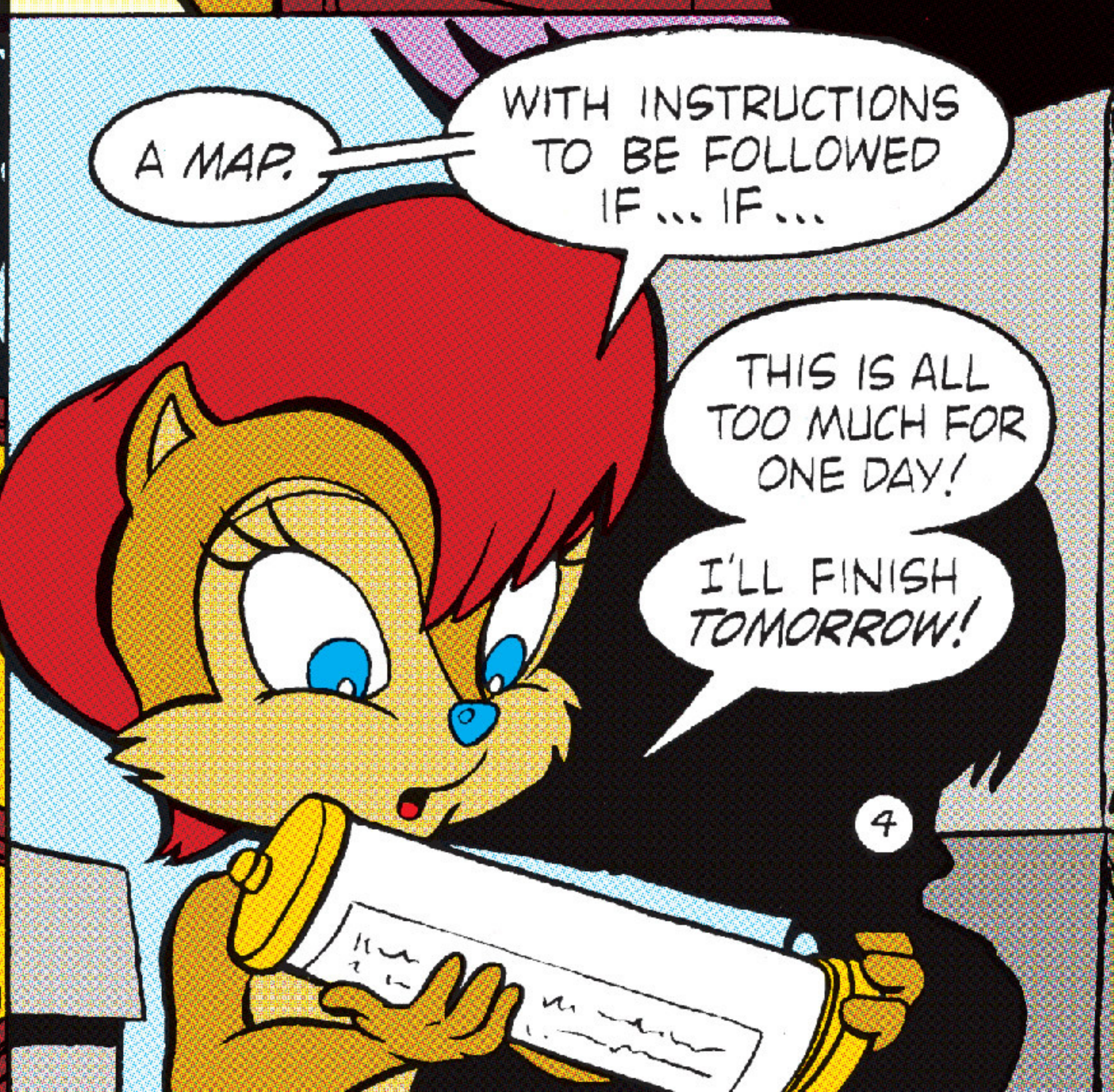
I WONDER WHAT OTHER TREASURES ARE INSIDE?



OH, FATHER... ~~SNIFF~~

THOSE WERE GOOD TIMES --

-- BEFORE YOU WERE TAKEN FROM US.



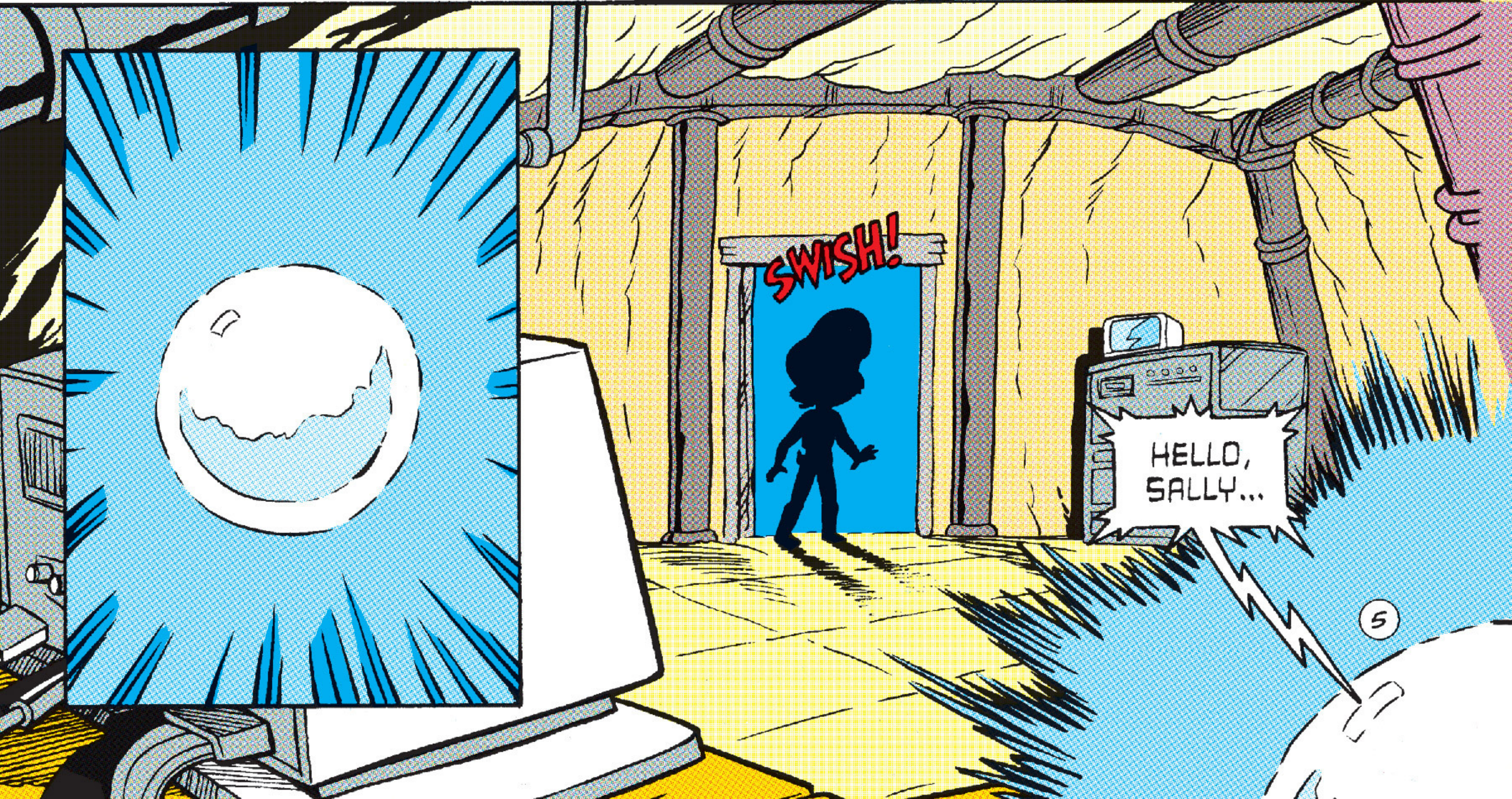
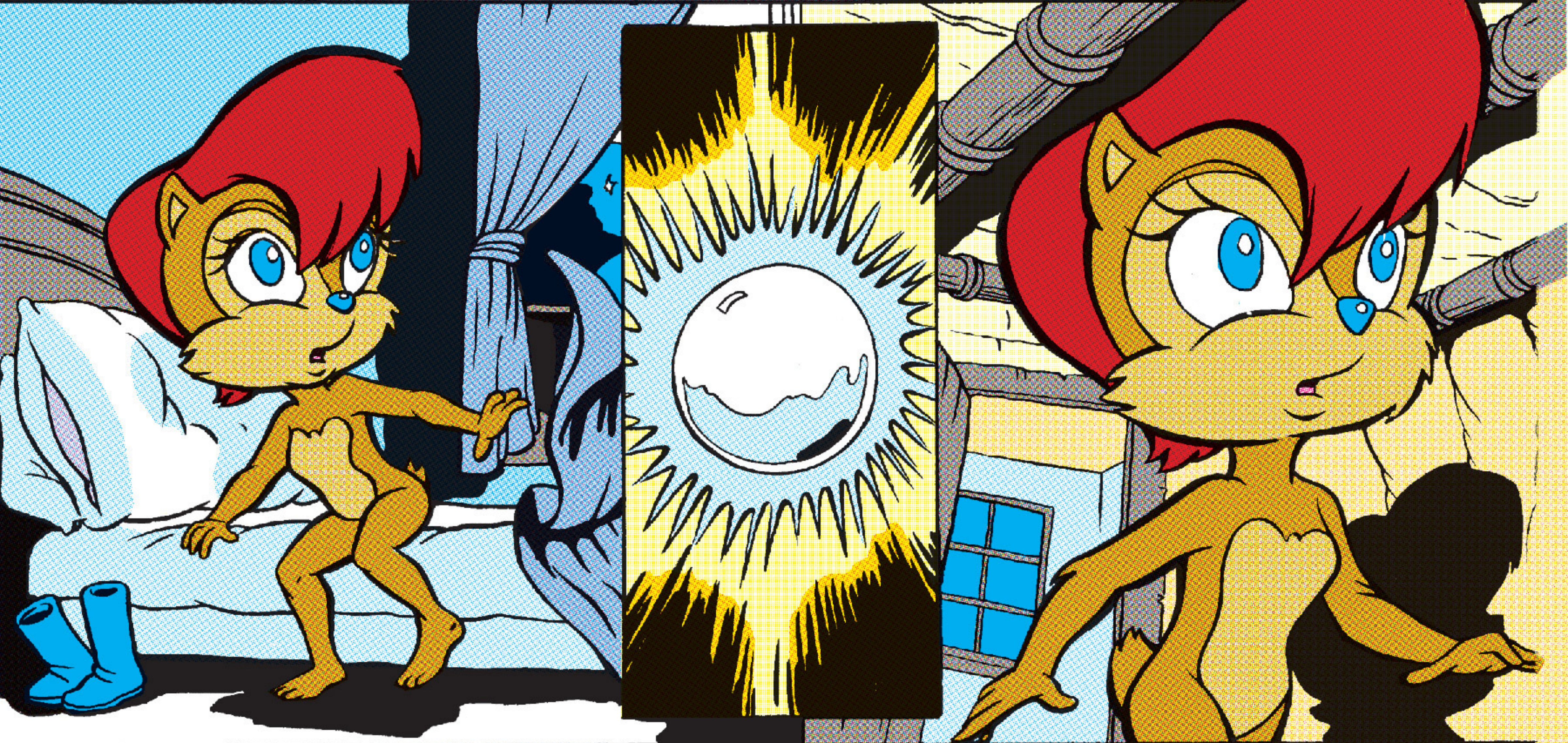
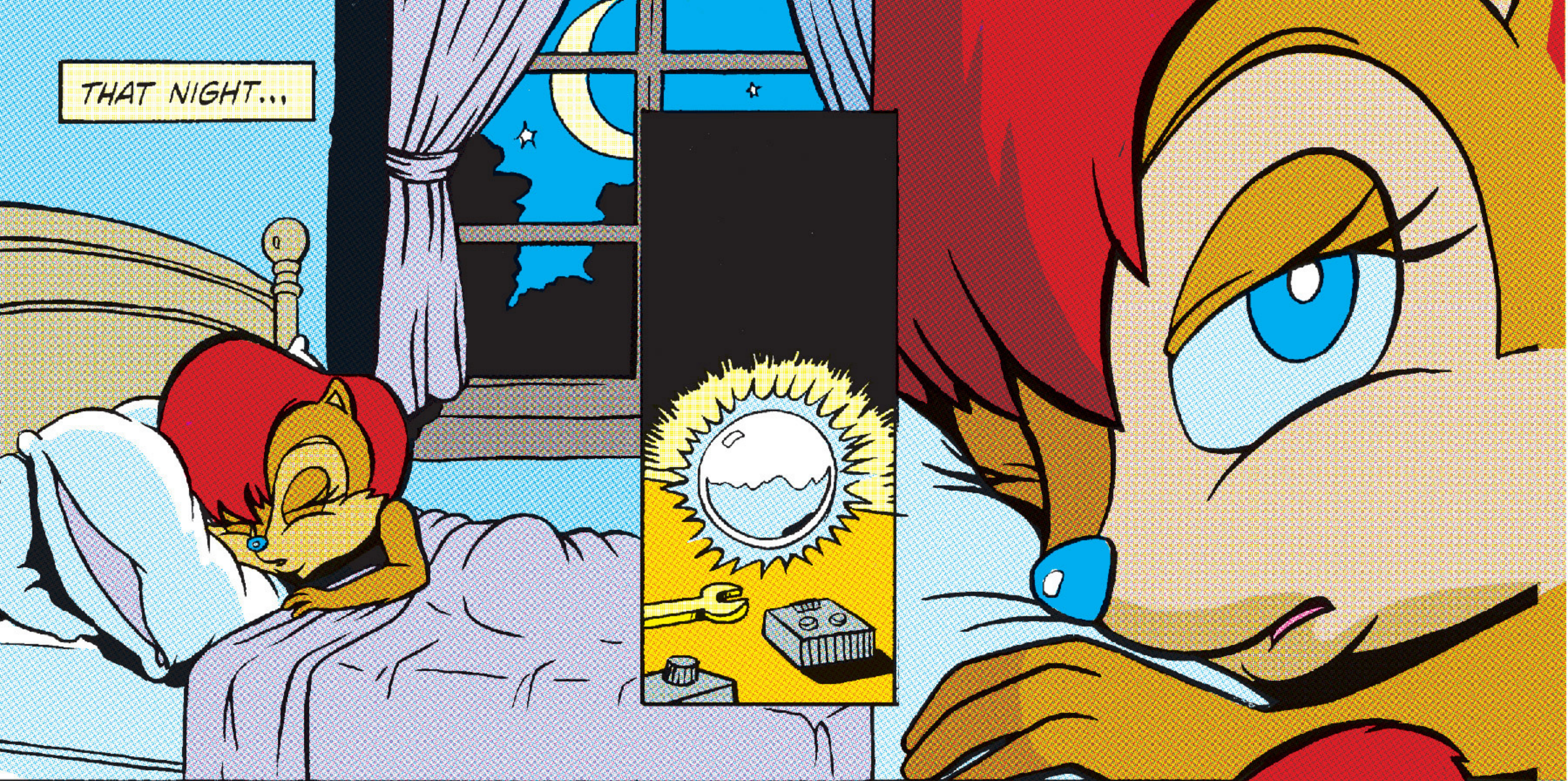
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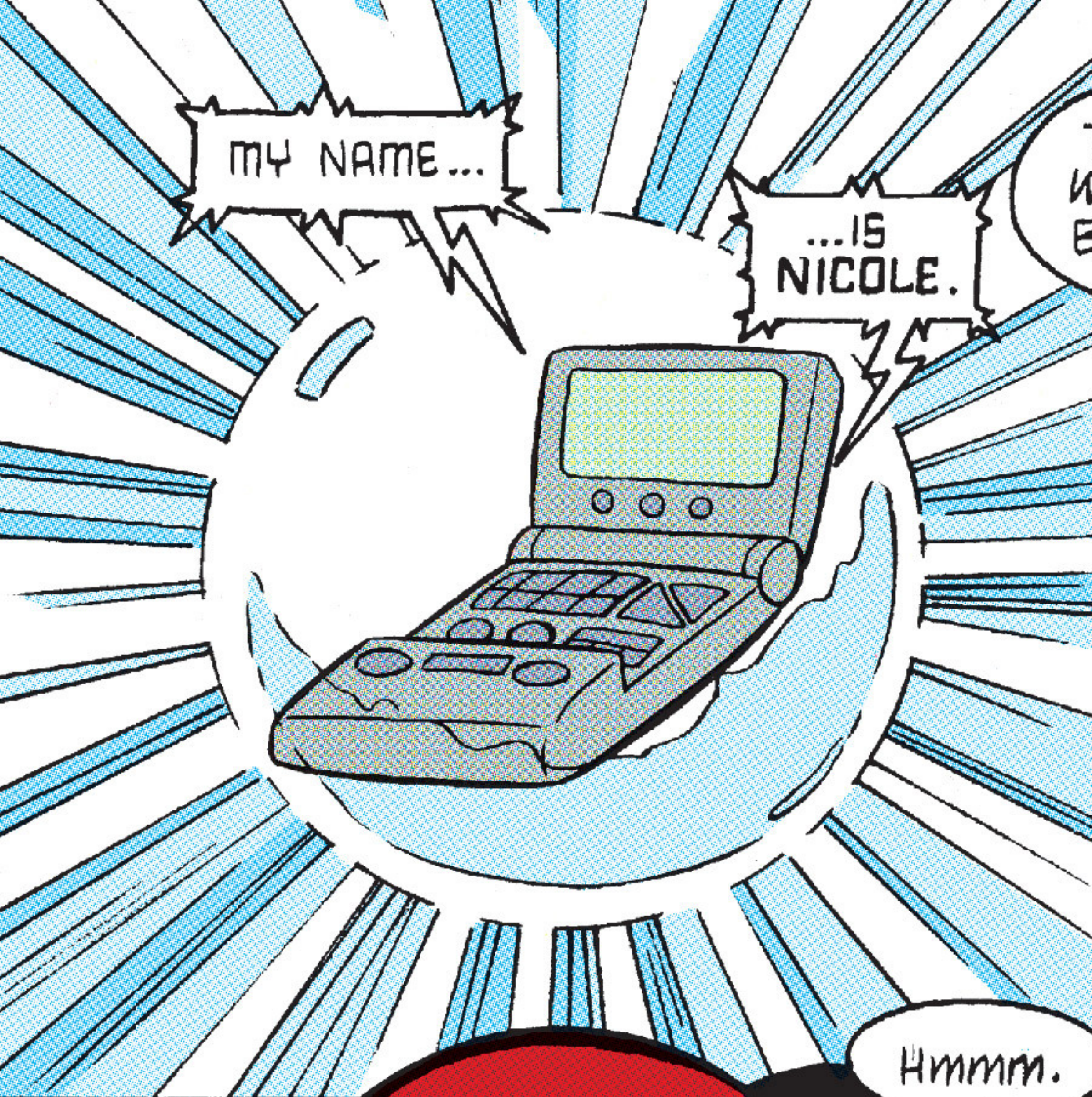
WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED IF ... IF ...

THIS IS ALL TOO MUCH FOR ONE DAY!

I'LL FINISH TOMORROW!

THAT NIGHT...





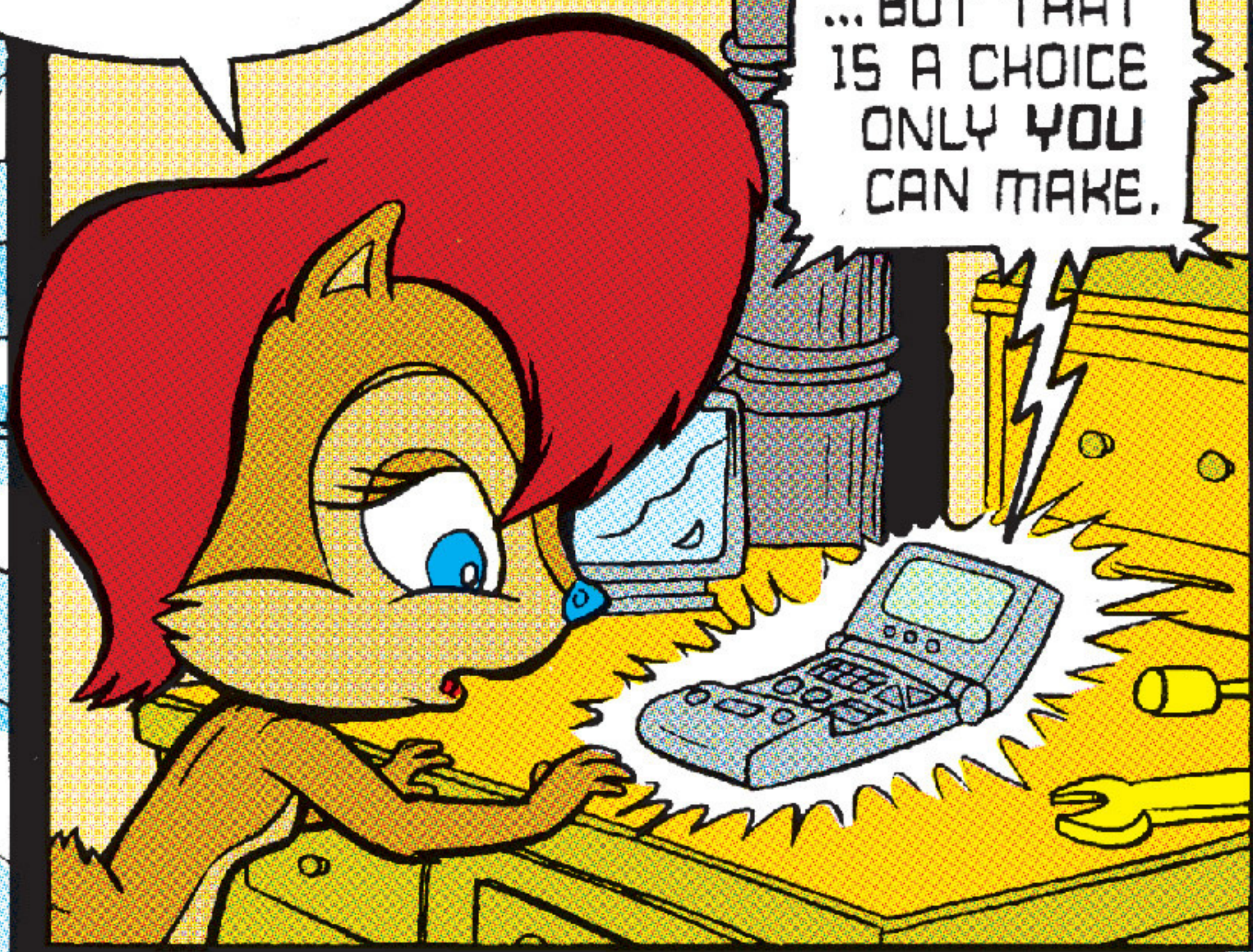
MY NAME...

...IS NICOLE.

THAT TELLS ME WHO YOU ARE-- BUT NOT WHAT!

I WOULD BE YOUR FRIEND...

...BUT THAT IS A CHOICE ONLY YOU CAN MAKE.

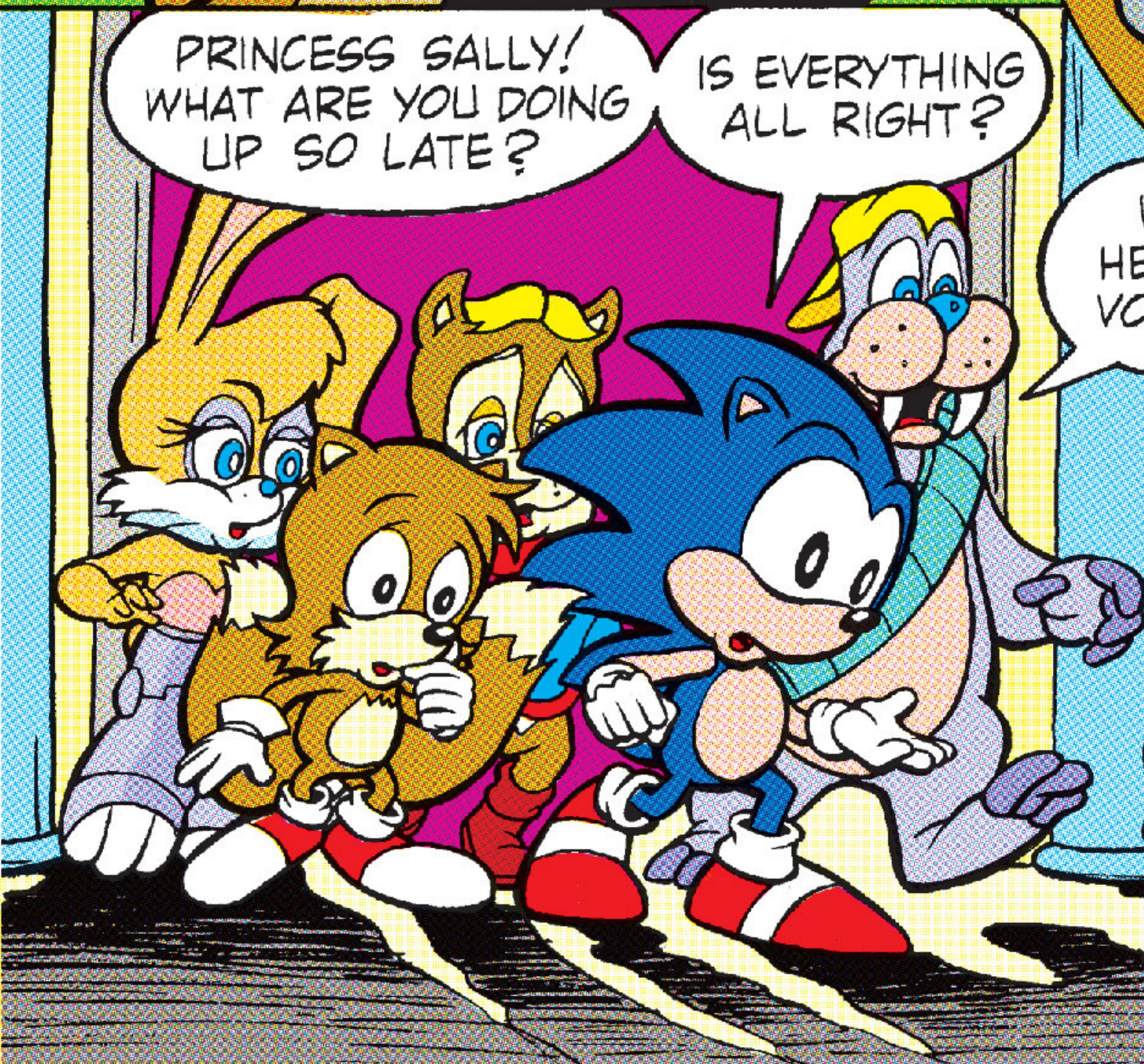
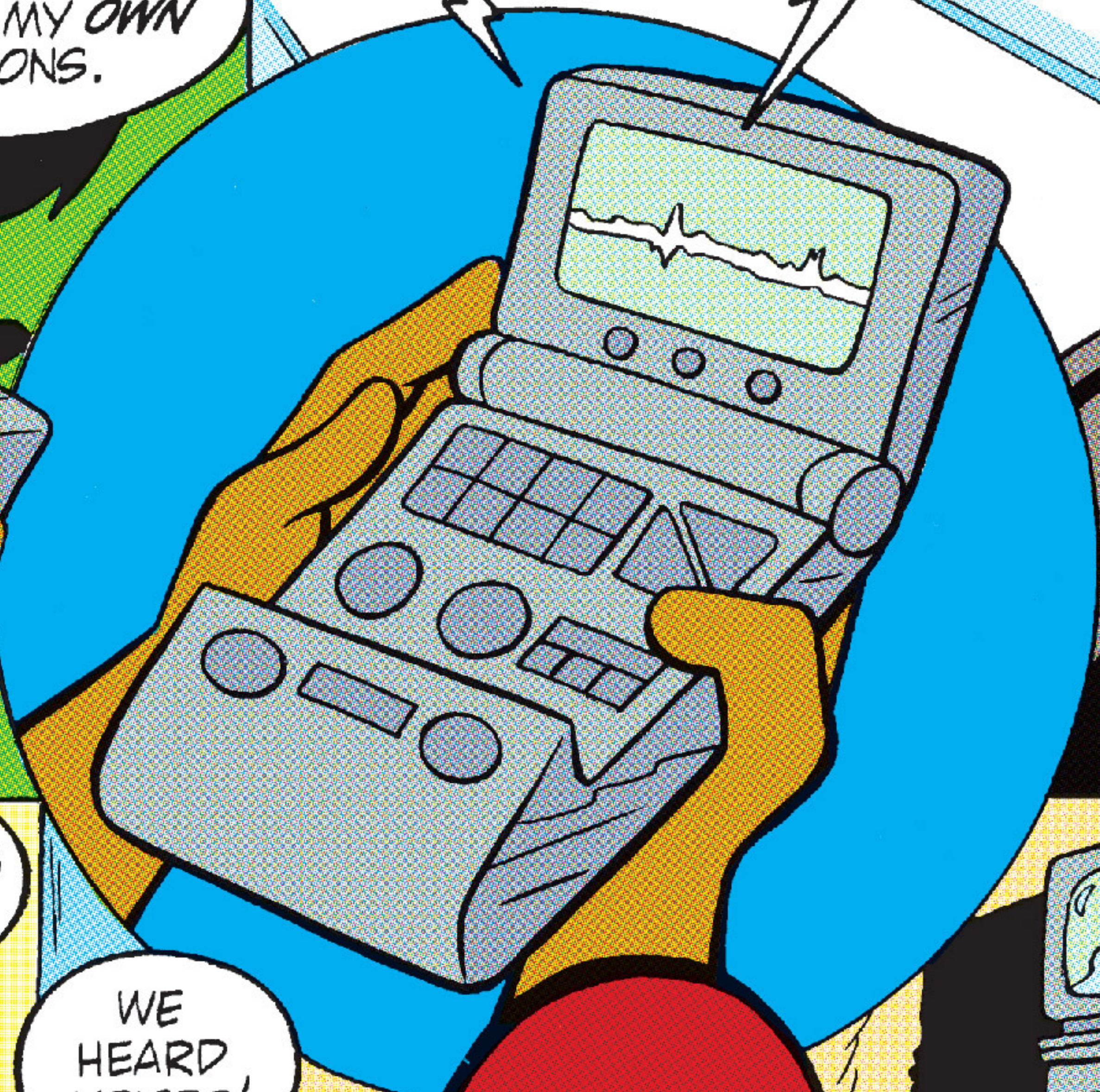


Hmmm.

YOU REMIND ME VERY MUCH OF SOMEONE ELSE WHO ALWAYS ENCOURAGED ME TO MAKE MY OWN DECISIONS.

THANK YOU.

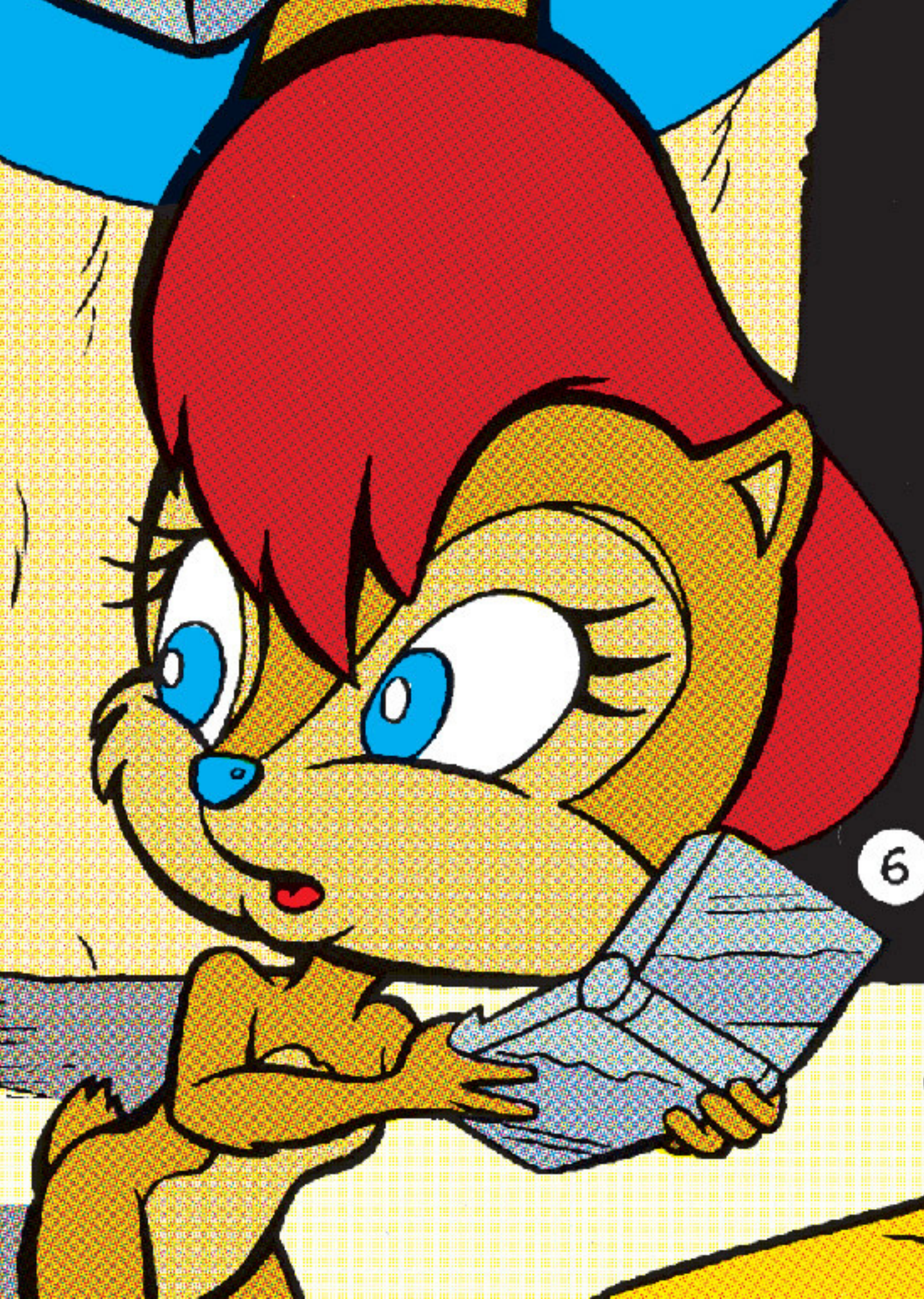
A HIGHER COMPLIMENT I COULD SCARCELY IMAGINE.

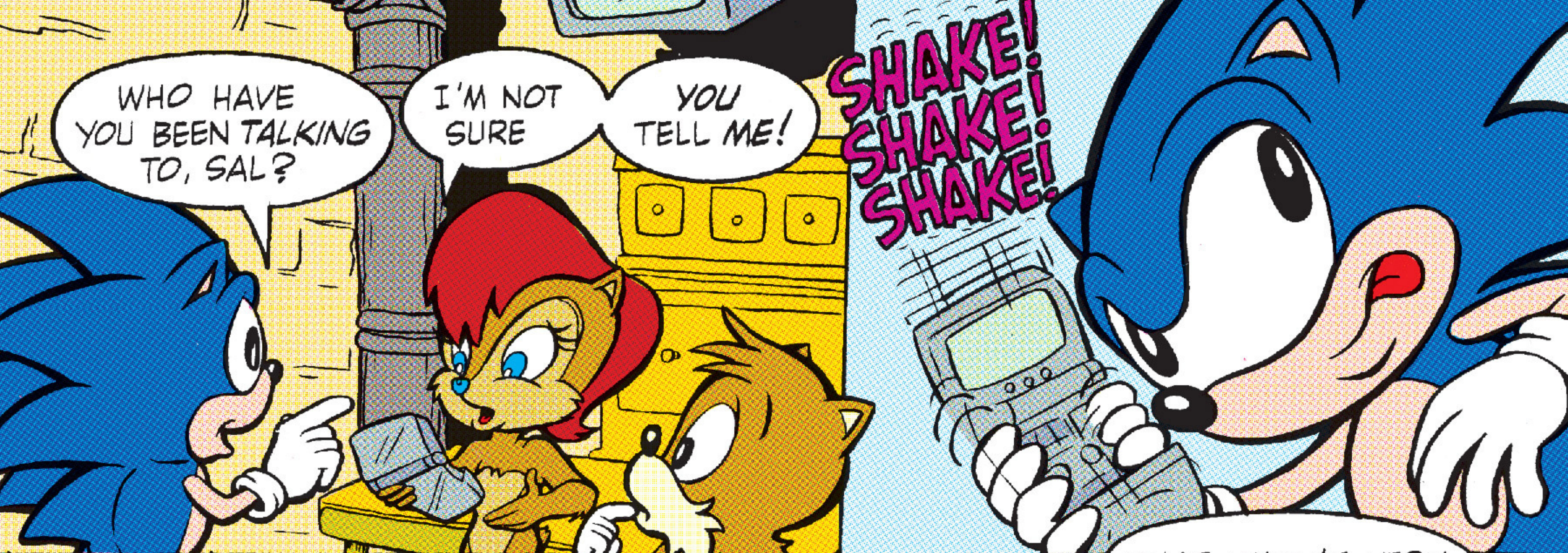


PRINCESS SALLY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP SO LATE?

IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?

WE HEARD VOICES!



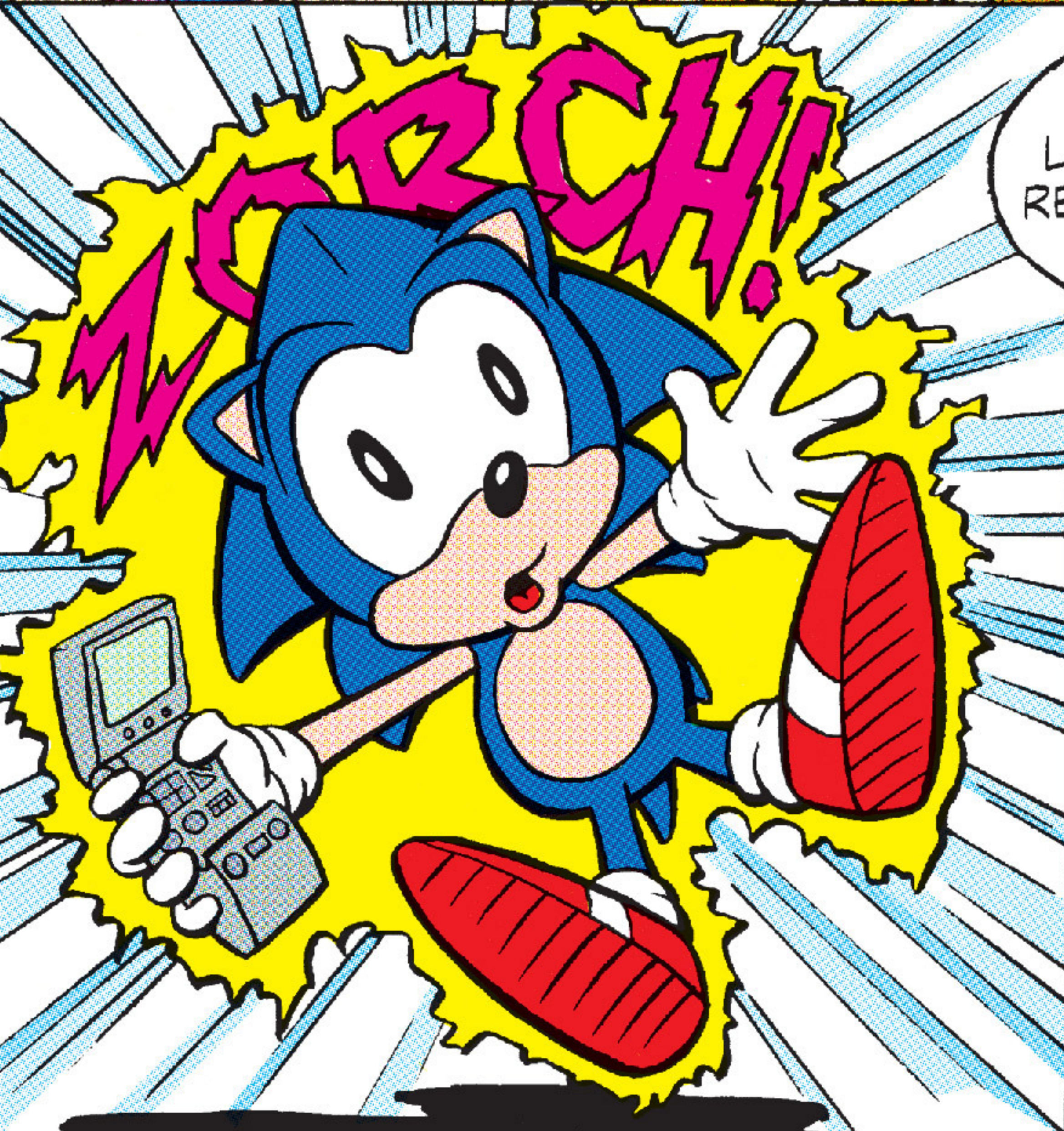


WHO HAVE YOU BEEN TALKING TO, SAL?

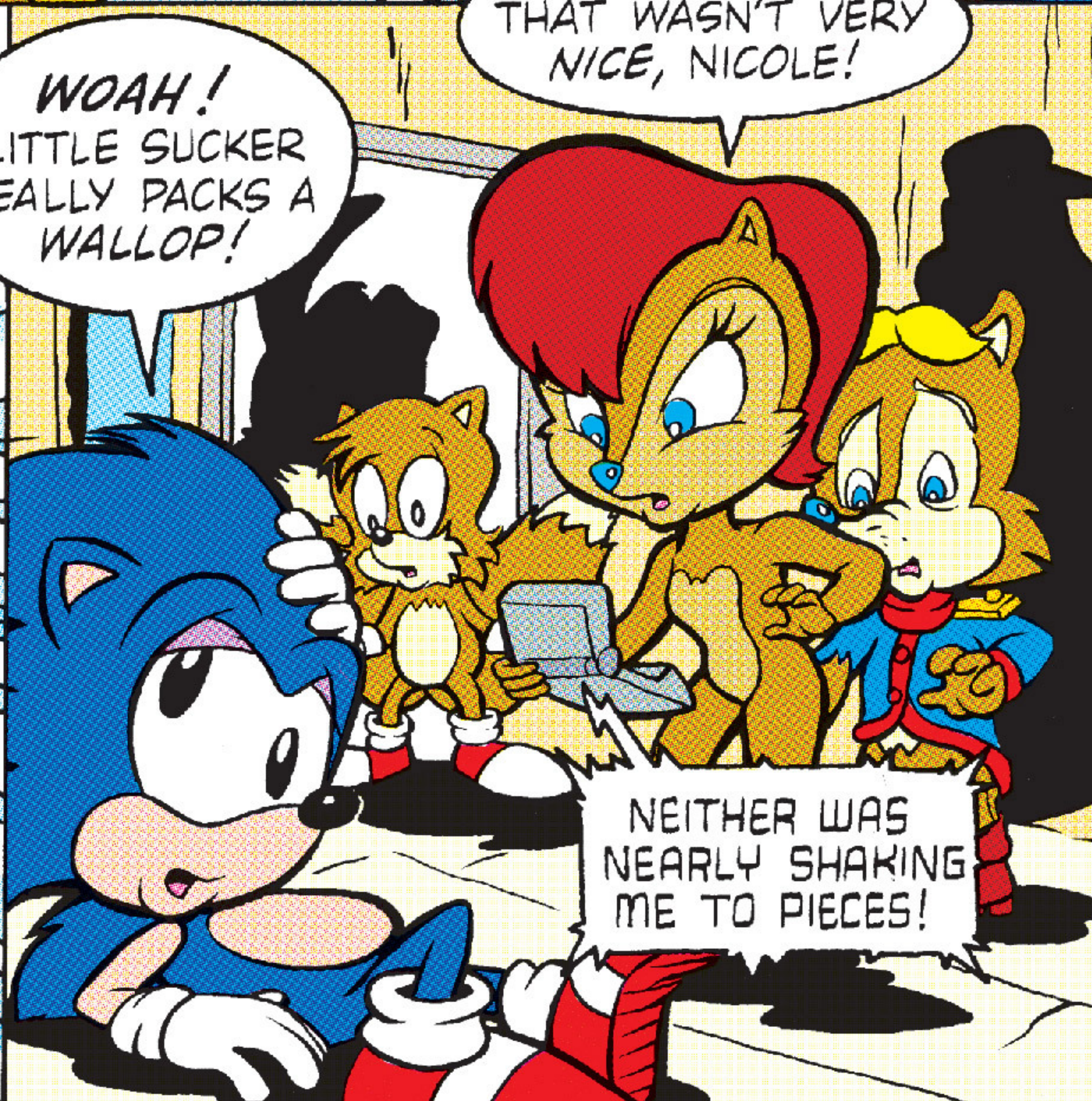
I'M NOT SURE

YOU TELL ME!

SHAKE!
SHAKE!
SHAKE!

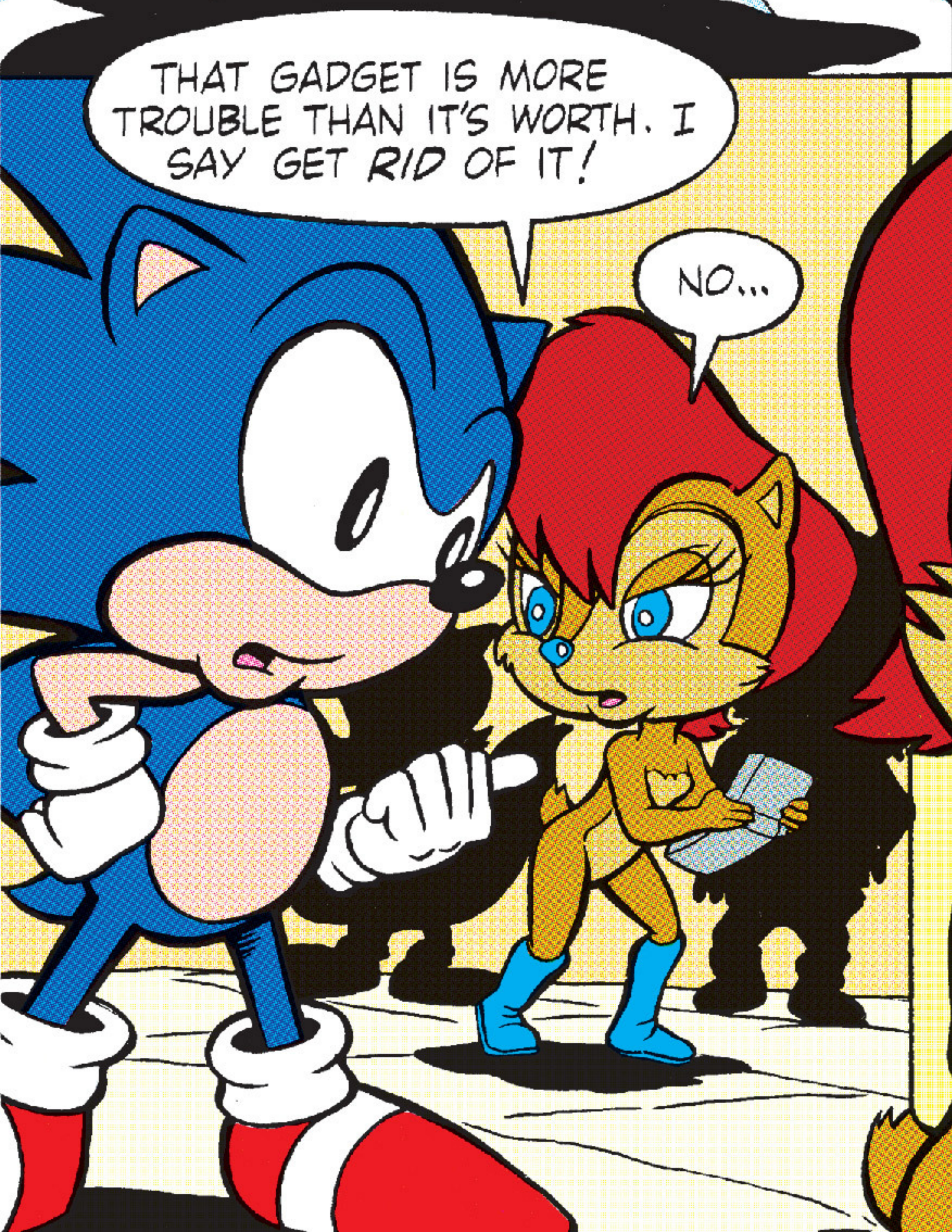


WOAH!
LITTLE SUCKER
REALLY PACKS A
WALLOP!



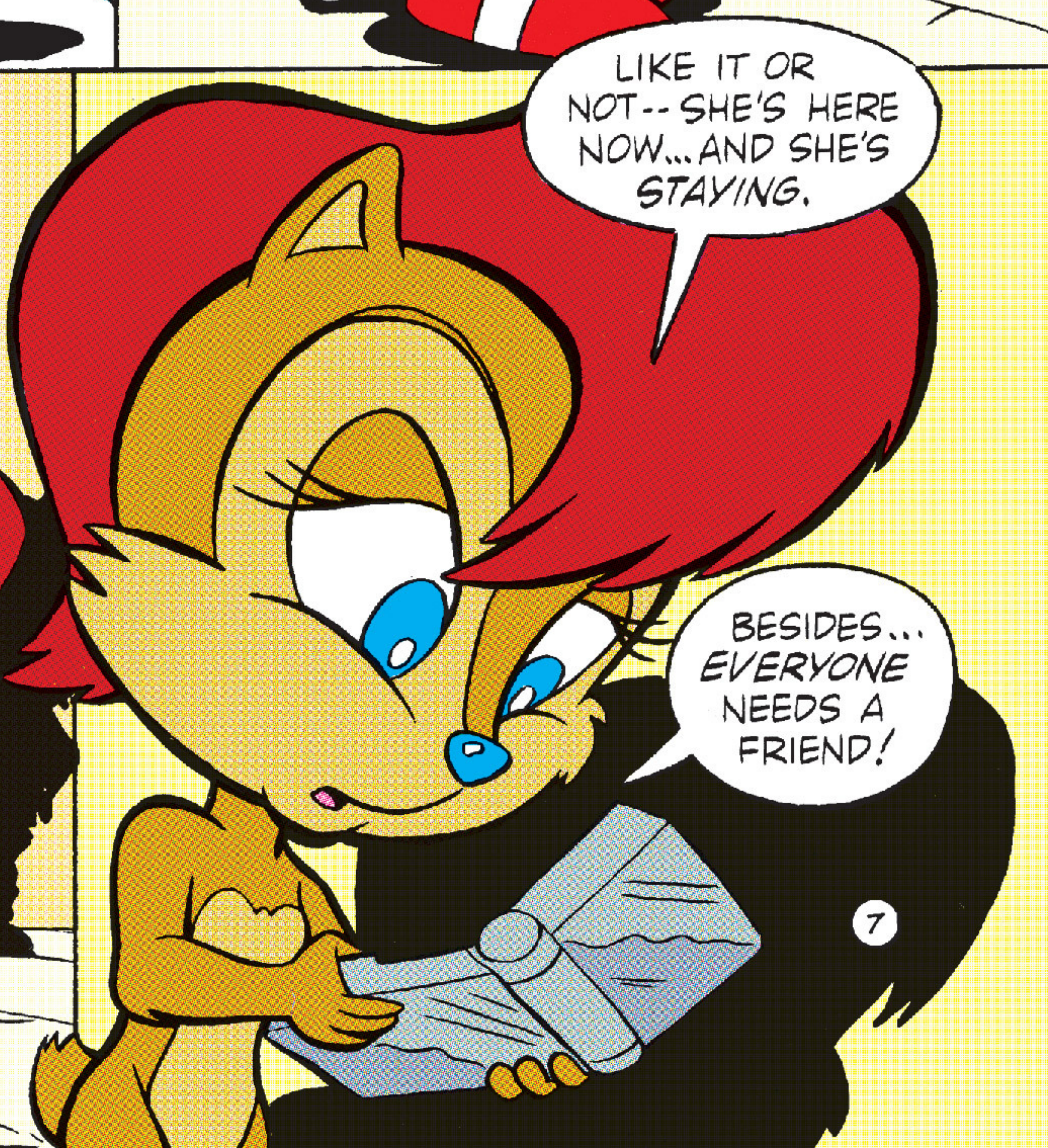
THAT WASN'T VERY NICE, NICOLE!

NEITHER WAS
NEARLY SHAKING
ME TO PIECES!



THAT GADGET IS MORE TROUBLE THAN IT'S WORTH. I SAY GET RID OF IT!

NO...



LIKE IT OR NOT-- SHE'S HERE NOW...AND SHE'S STAYING.

BESIDES...
EVERYONE
NEEDS A
FRIEND!

SUNSET, THE FOLLOWING DAY...

JULAYLA'S FINAL TESTAMENT CLAIMED THAT ALL I NEED TO ATTAIN ONENESS OF THE SOUL IS LOCKED WITHIN THE DARKNESS OF THE FORBIDDEN ZONE...

... A PLACE WHERE EVEN DOCTOR ROBOTNIK FEARS TO TREAD.

I COULD NEVER ASK THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO ACCOMPANY ME ON WHAT COULD PROVE TO BE SUCH A DANGEROUS AND PERSONAL MISSION.

SO...

...EXCEPT FOR YOU, NICOLE...

...I'LL HAVE TO GO IT ALONE!

GOING SOMEWHERE, PRINCESS?

WEREN'T THINKING OF HOGGING ALL THE GLORY FOR YOURSELF, WERE YOU?

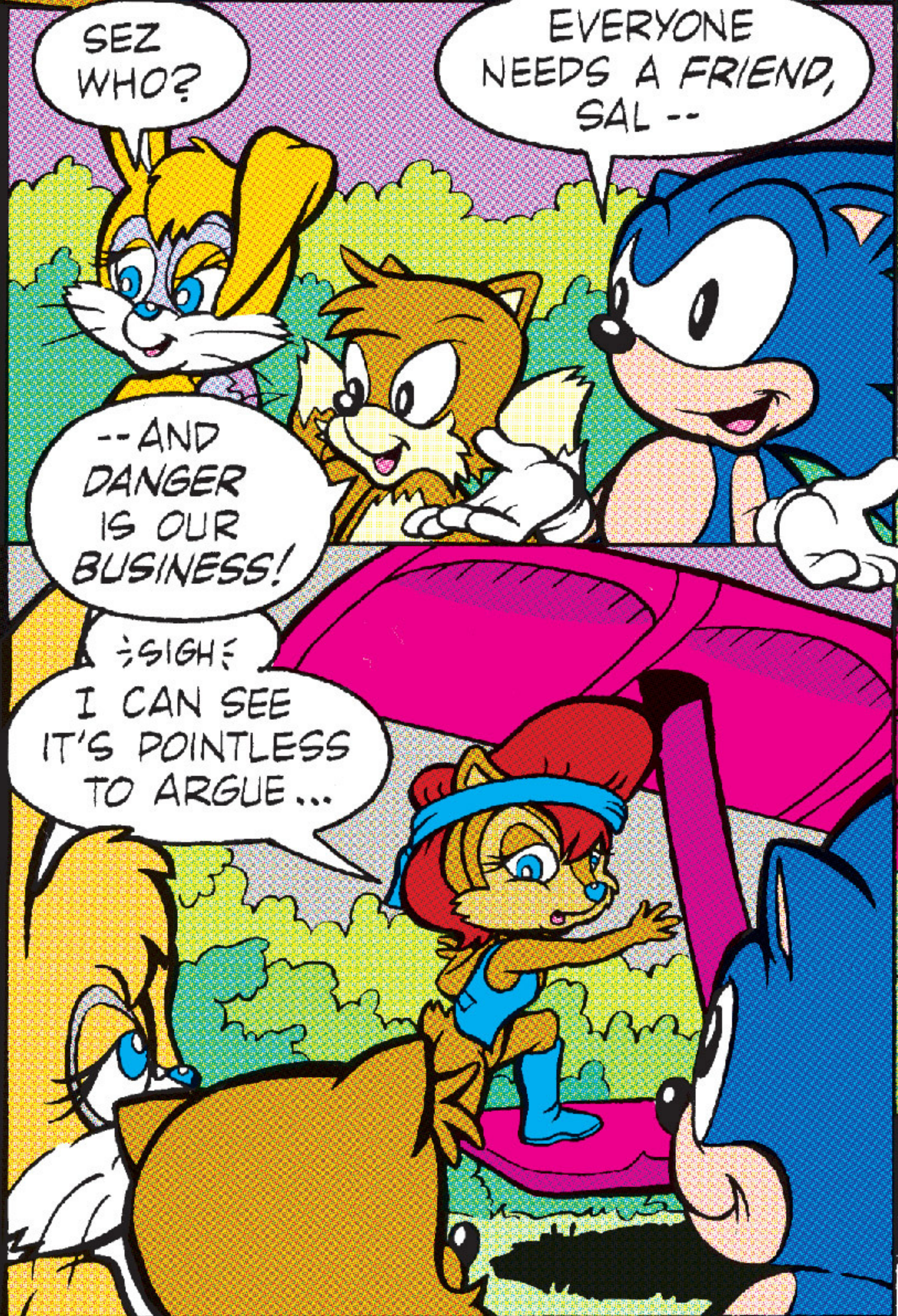
SWISH!

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GUYS, I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT, BUT THIS COULD BE DANGEROUS!

BESIDES, IT'S SOMETHING I NEED TO DO ON MY OWN!

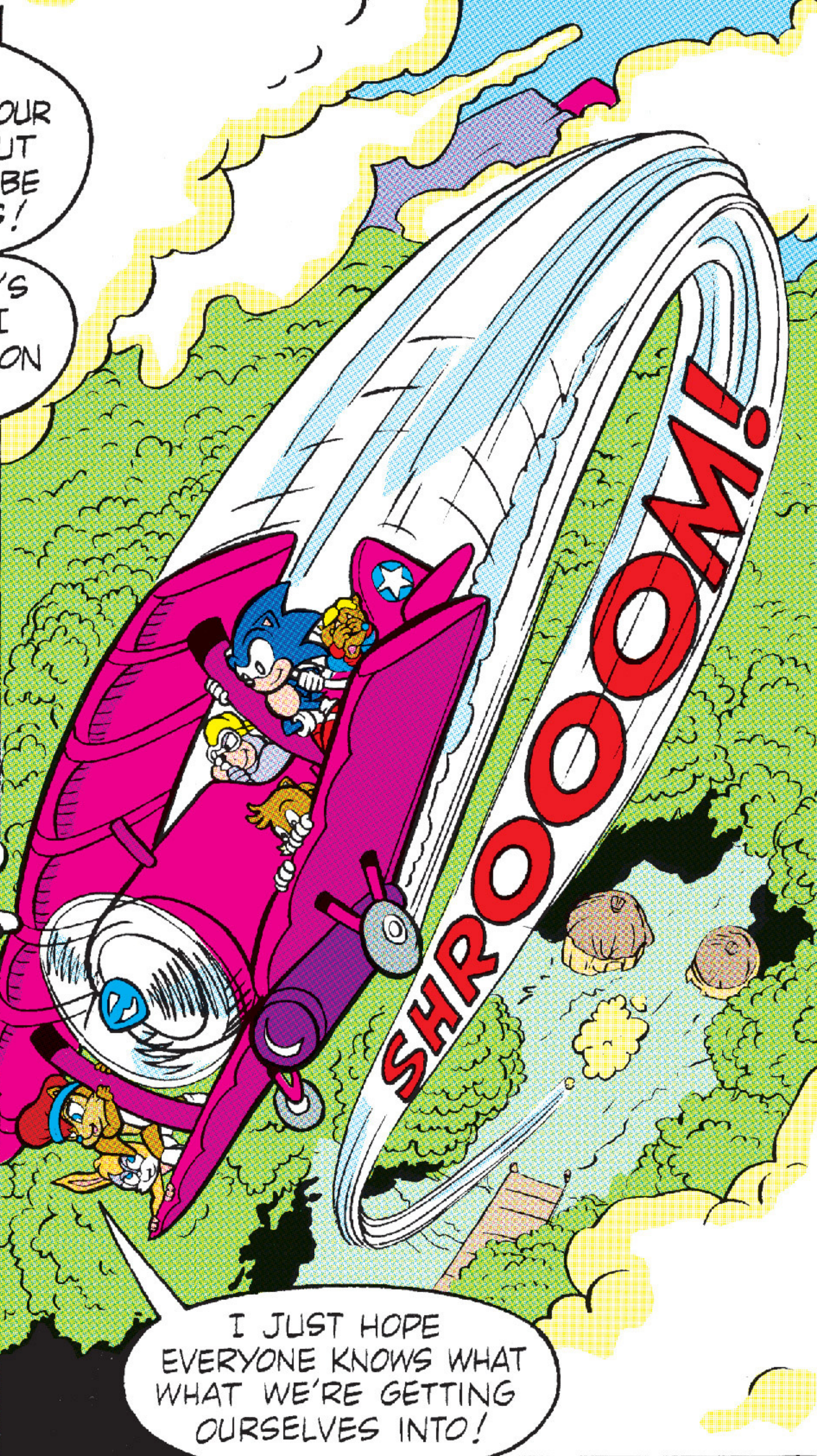


SEZ WHO?

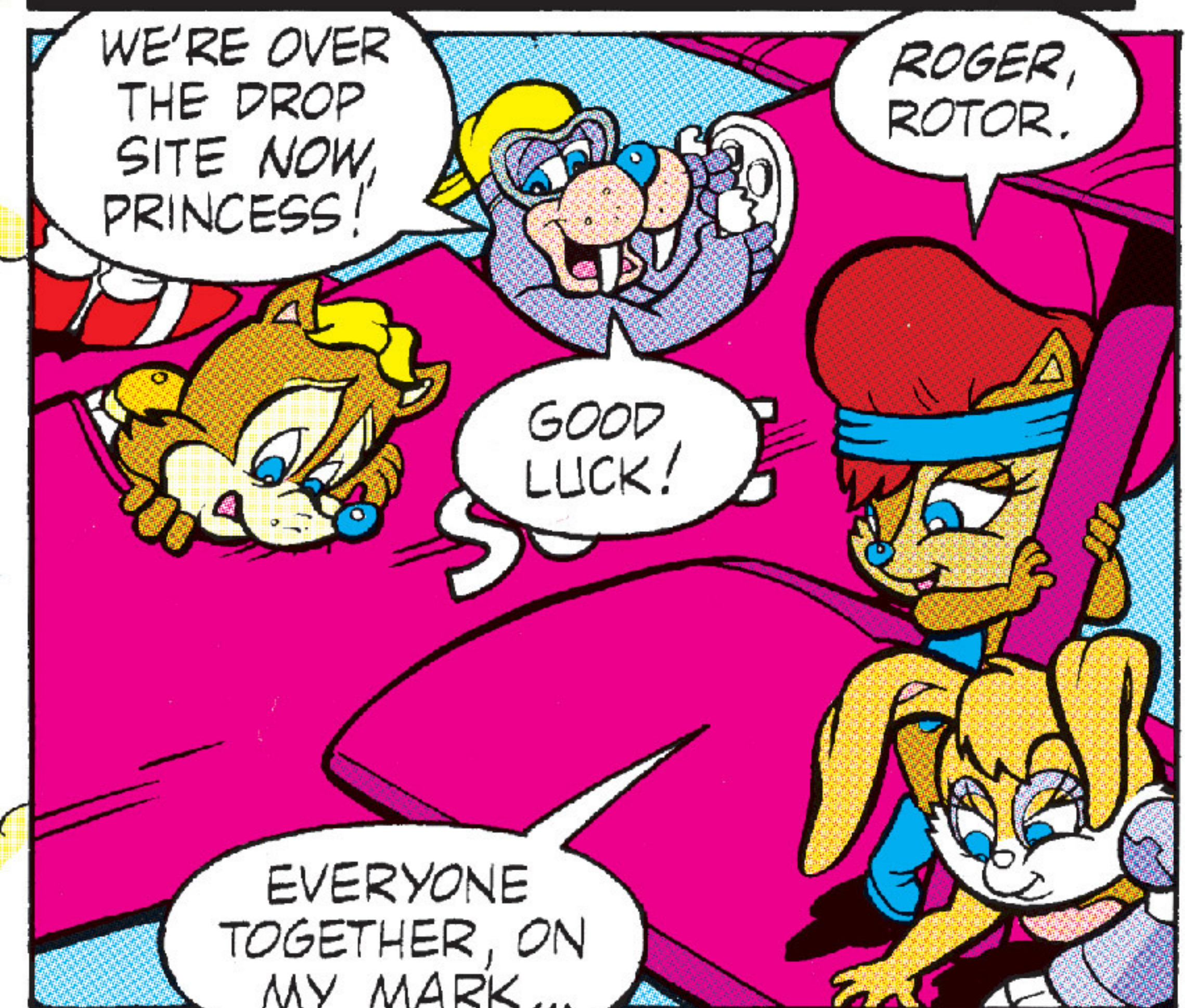
EVERYONE NEEDS A FRIEND, SAL --

-- AND DANGER IS OUR BUSINESS!

SIGH
I CAN SEE IT'S POINTLESS TO ARGUE...



I JUST HOPE EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT WHAT WE'RE GETTING OURSELVES INTO!



WE'RE OVER THE DROP SITE NOW, PRINCESS!

ROGER, ROTOR.

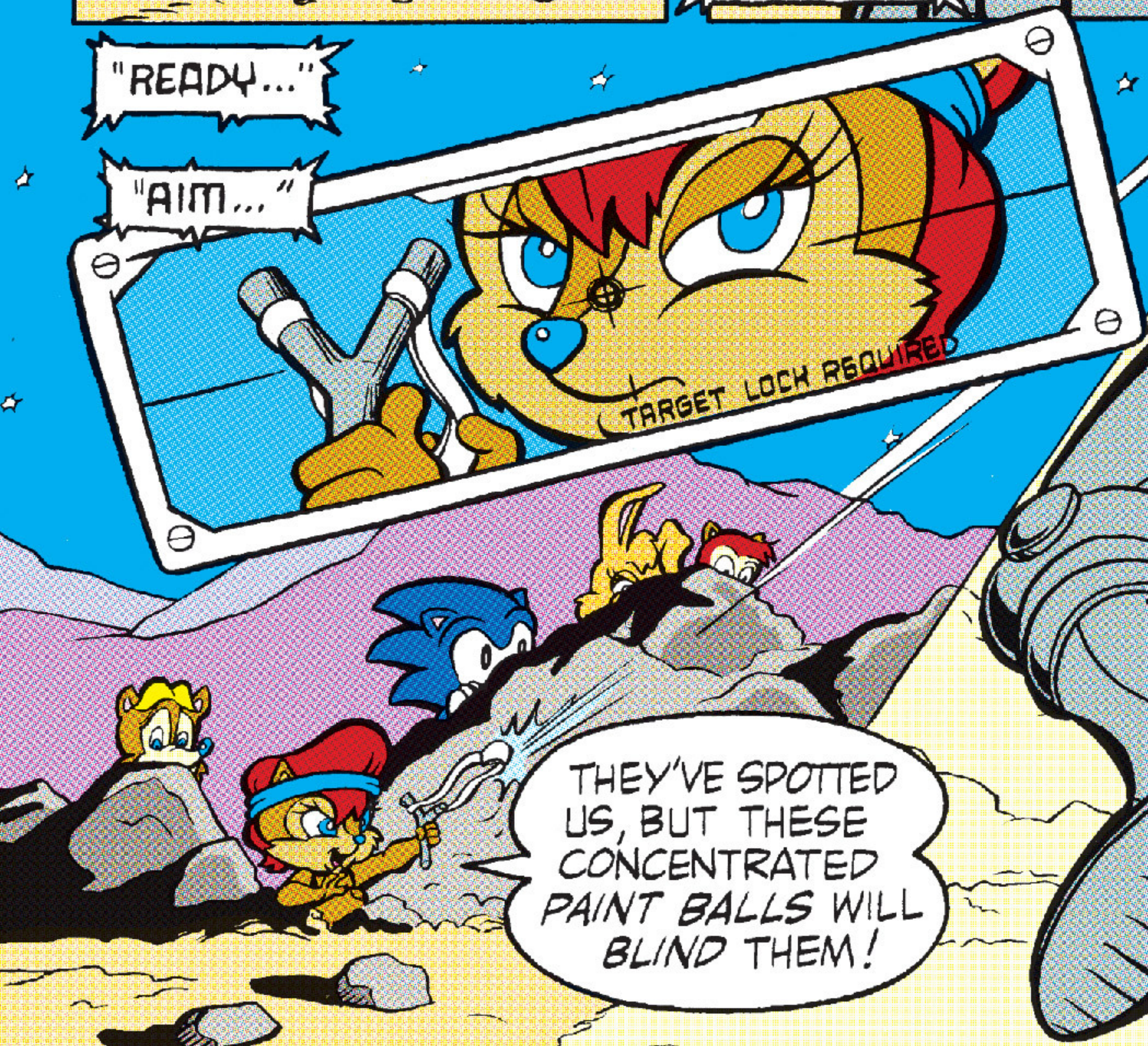
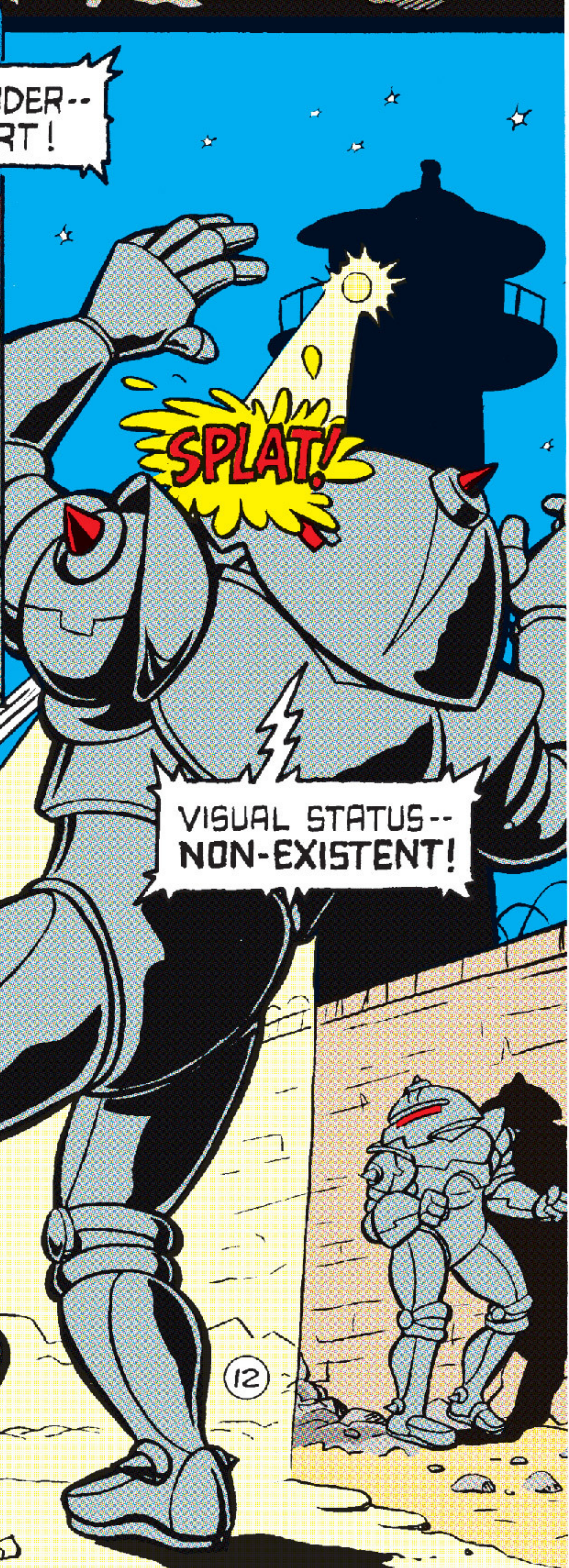
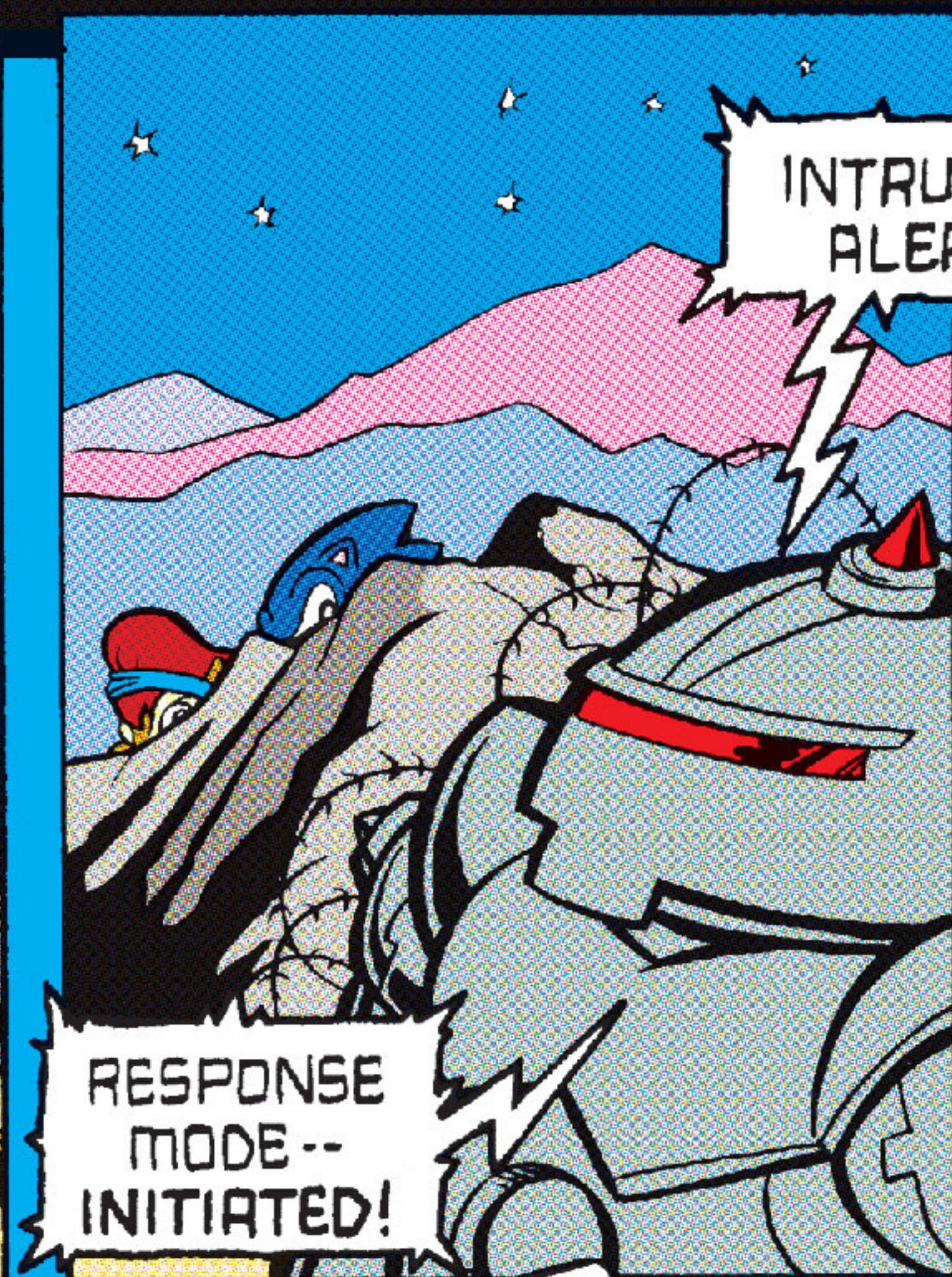
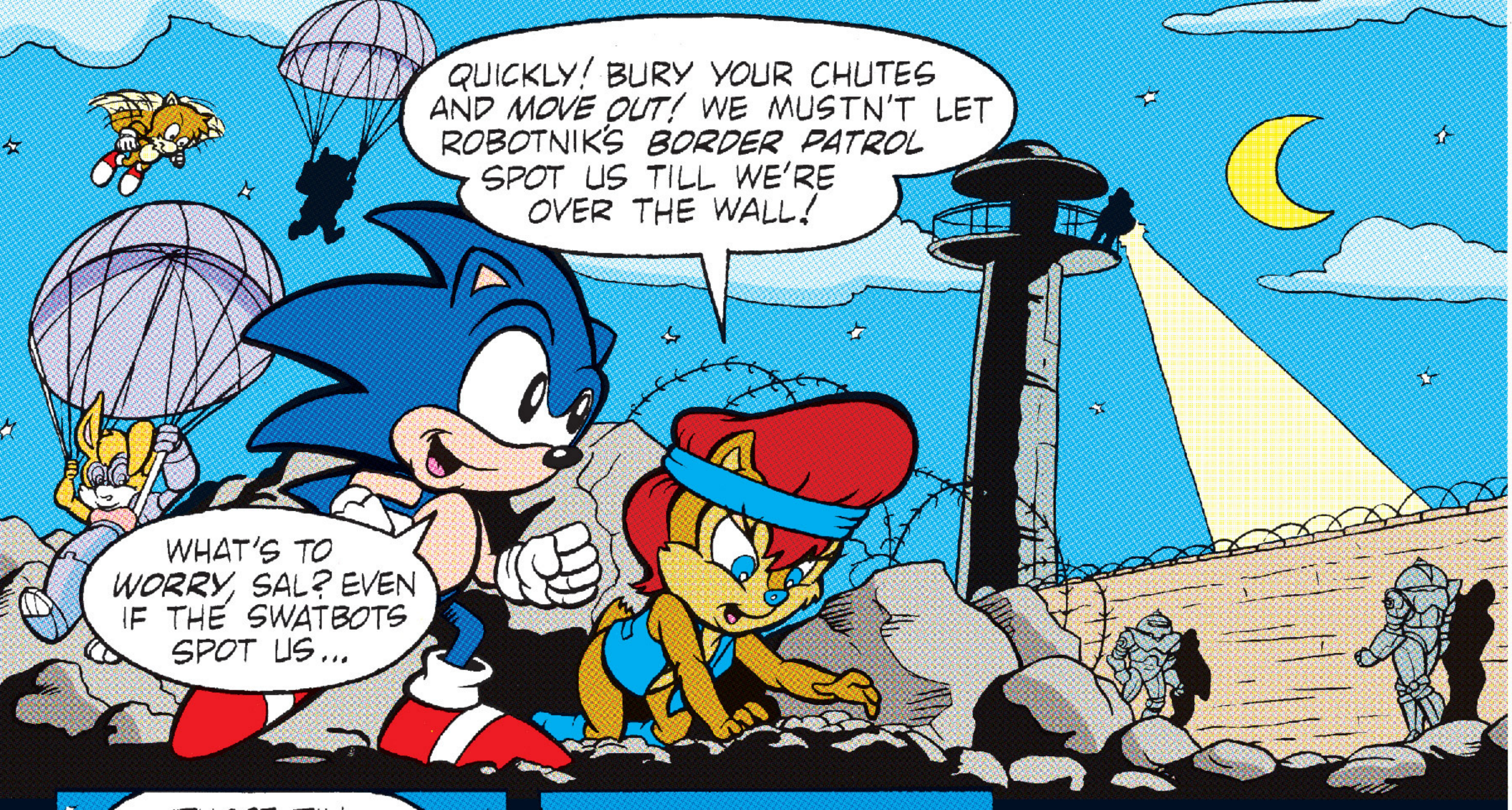
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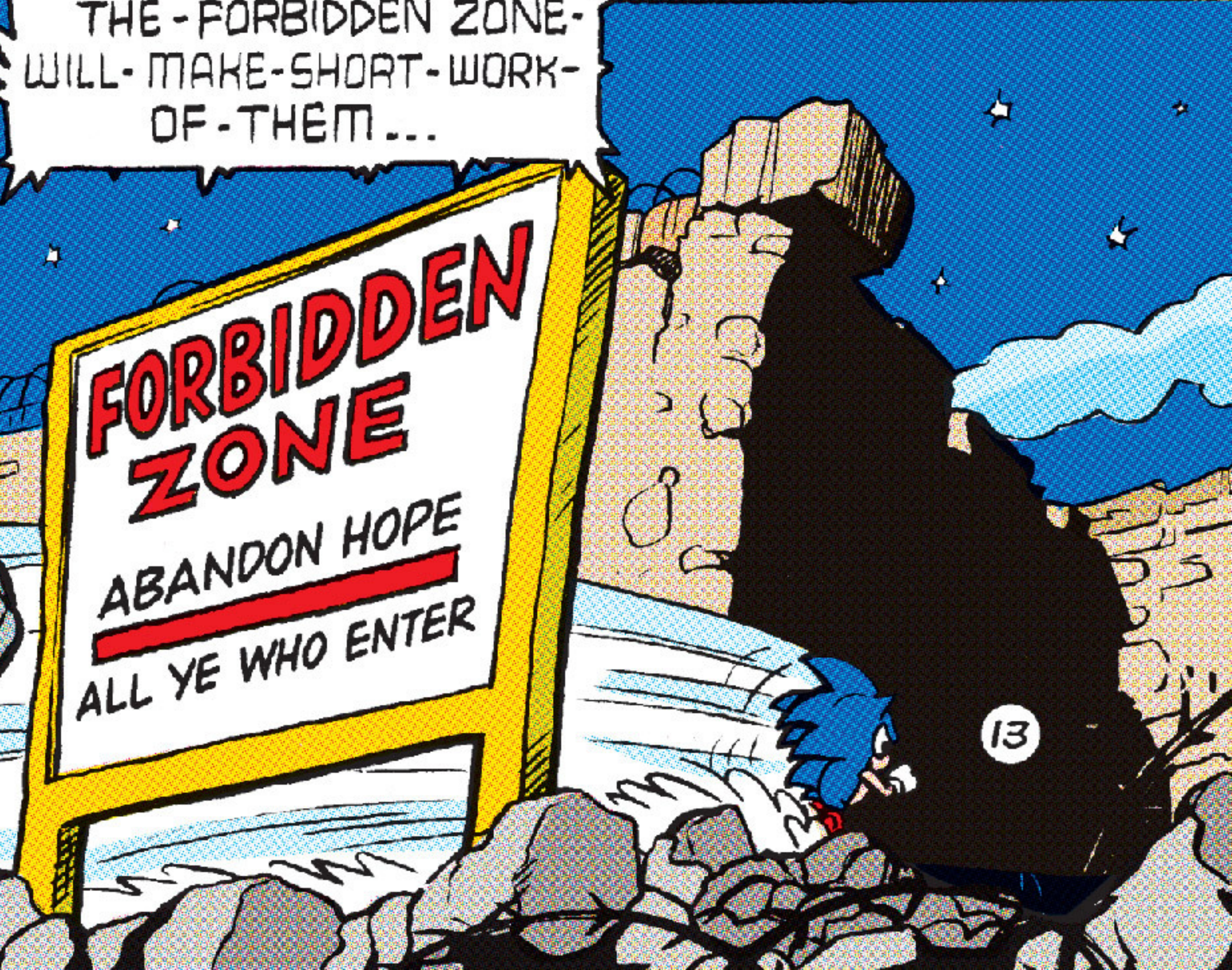
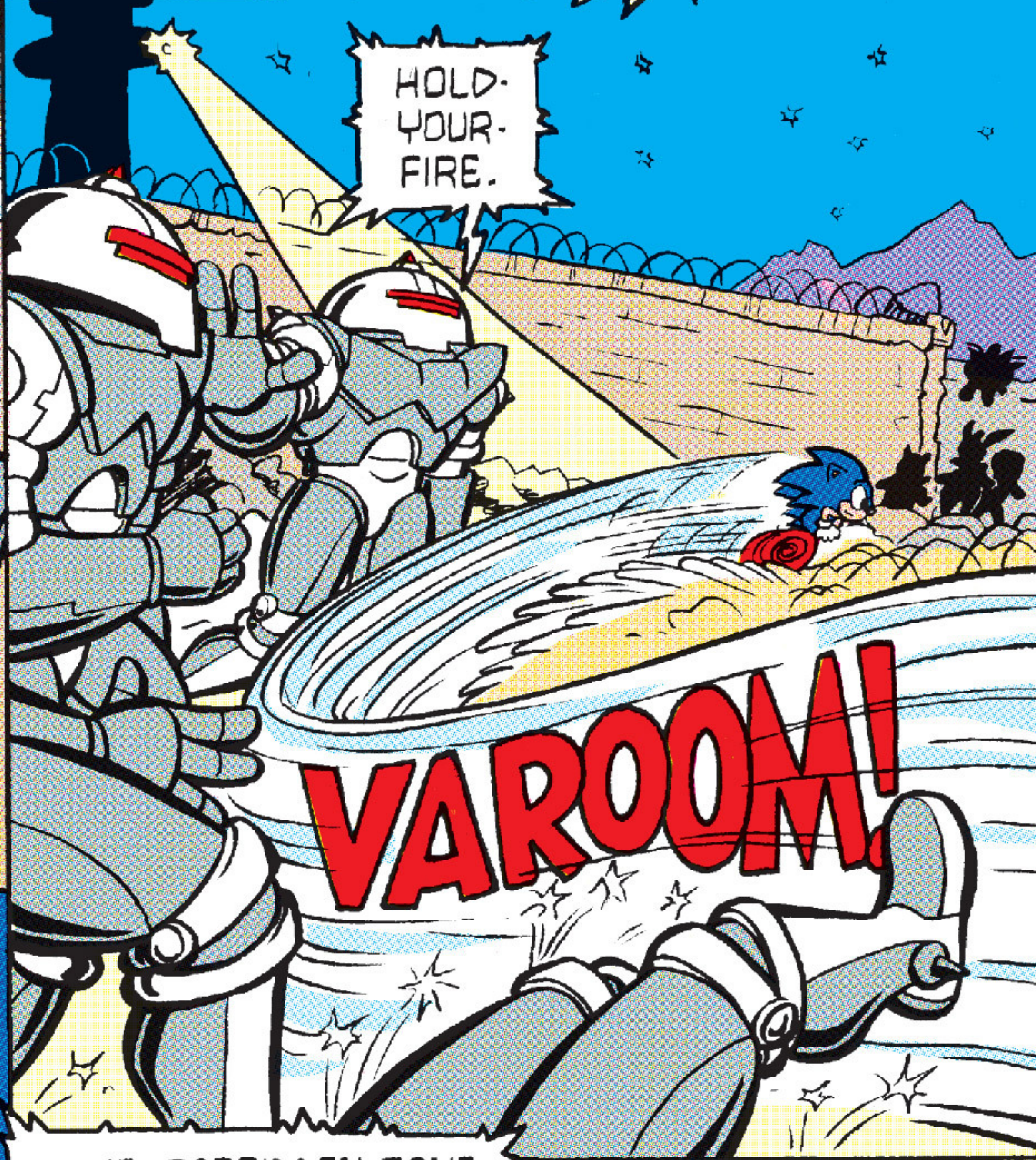
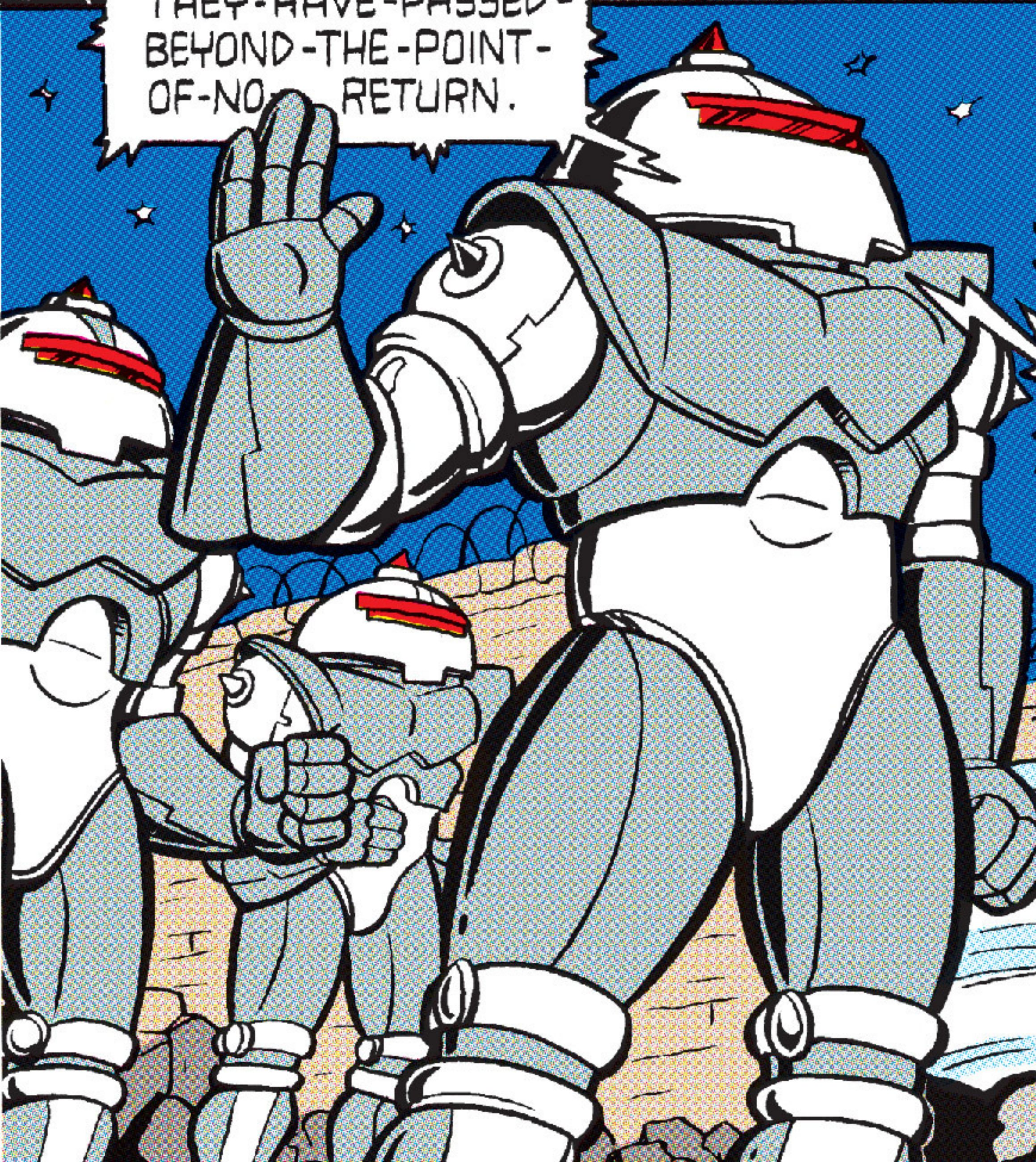
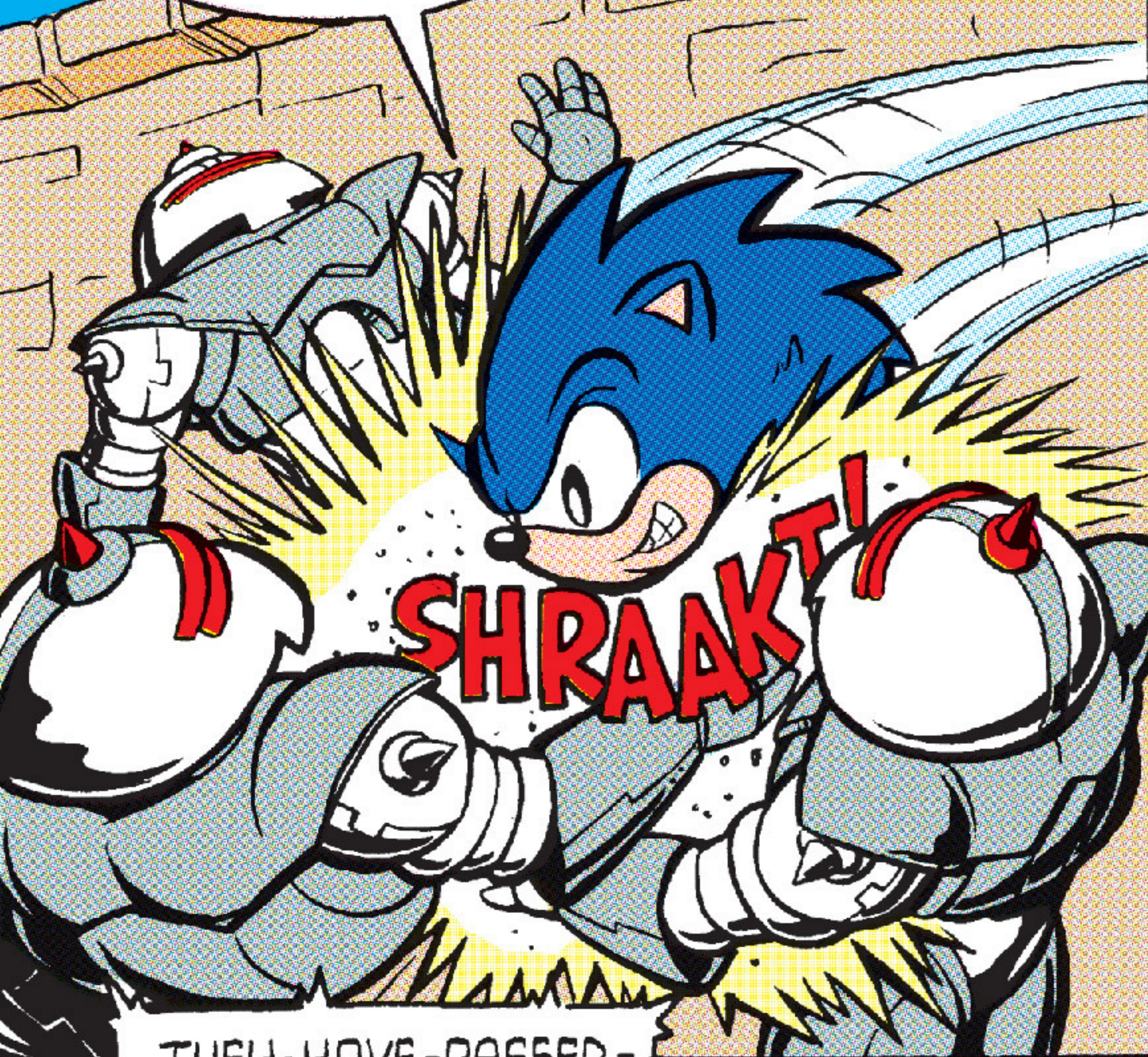
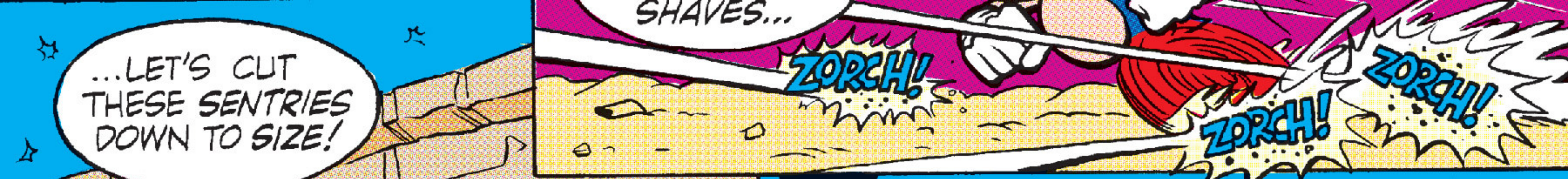
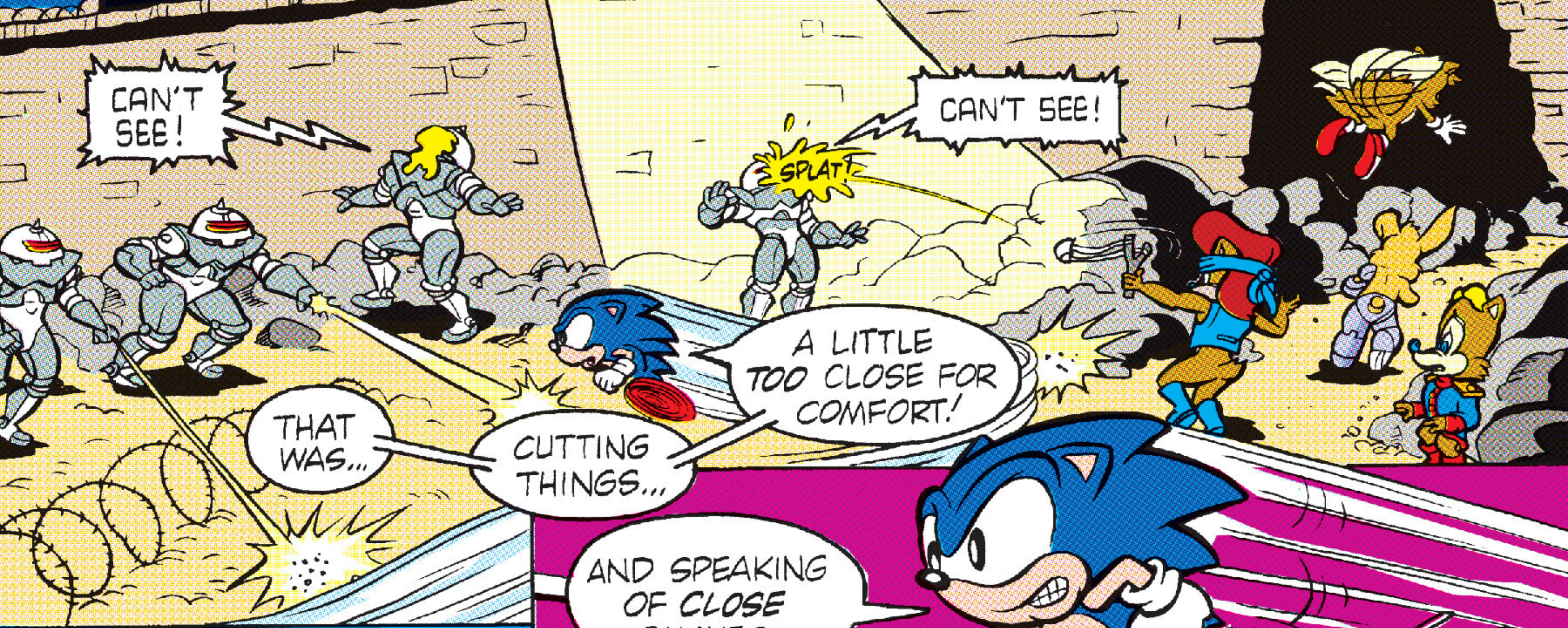
EVERYONE TOGETHER, ON MY MARK...



OH, MY...

I HAVE CONVENIENTLY FORGOTTEN MY FEAR OF ZEE HEIGHTS!



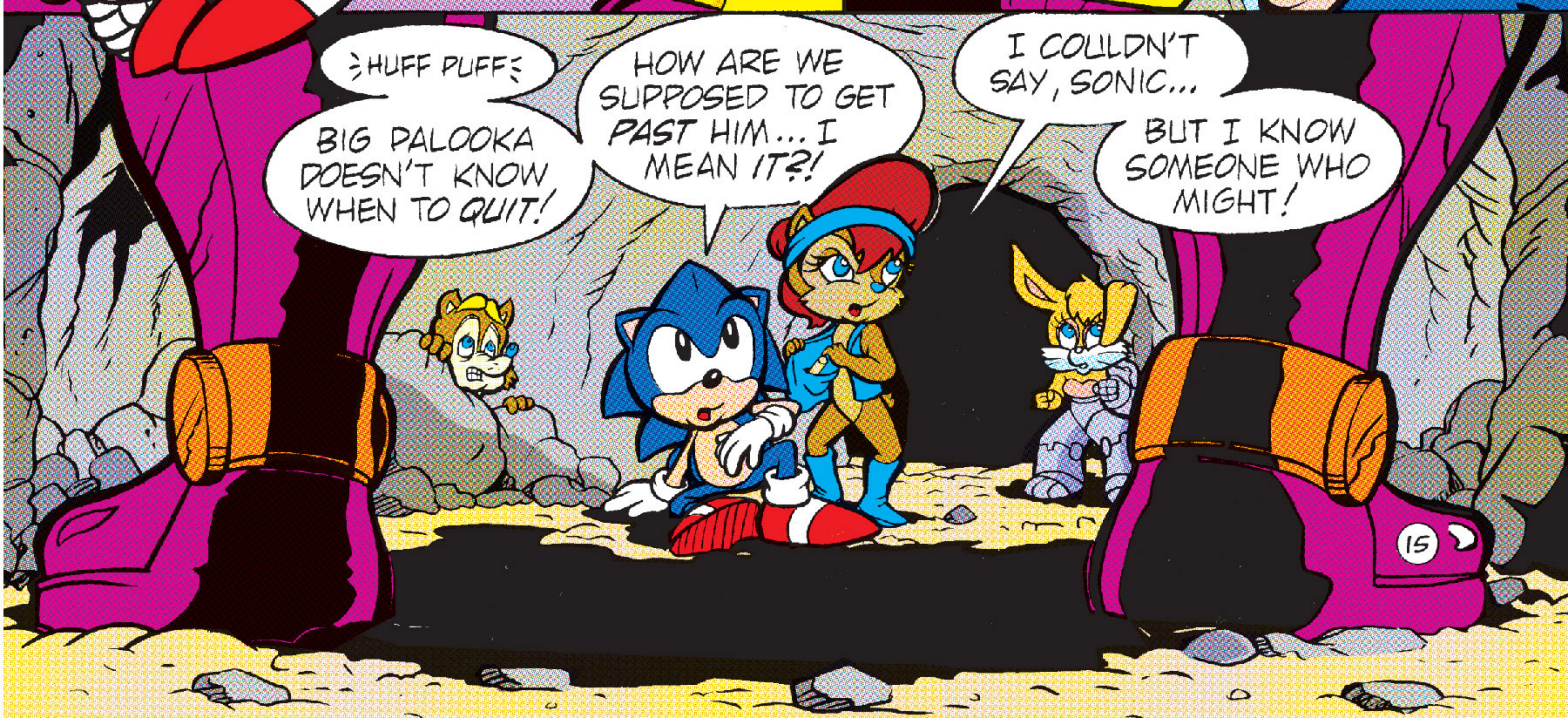
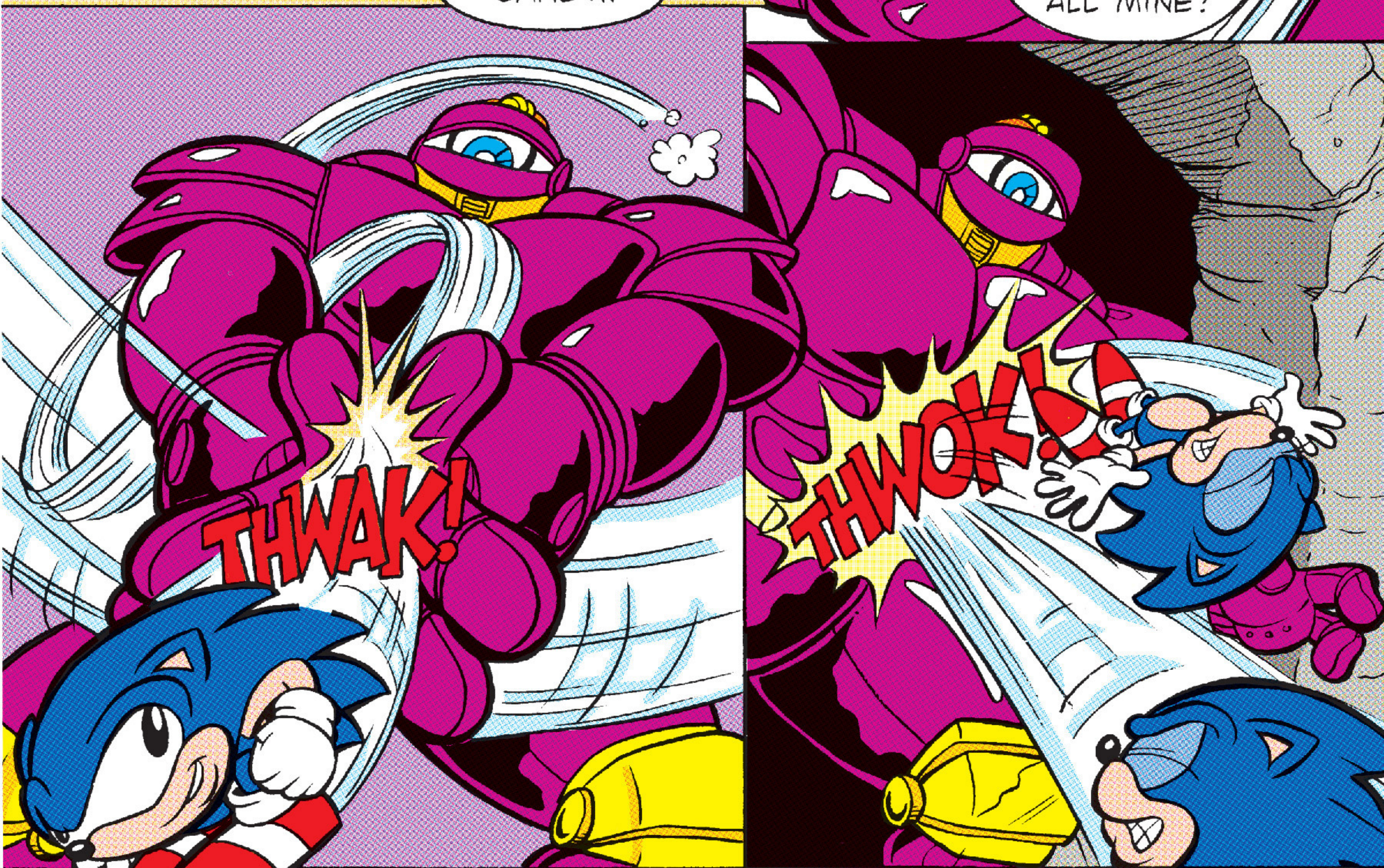
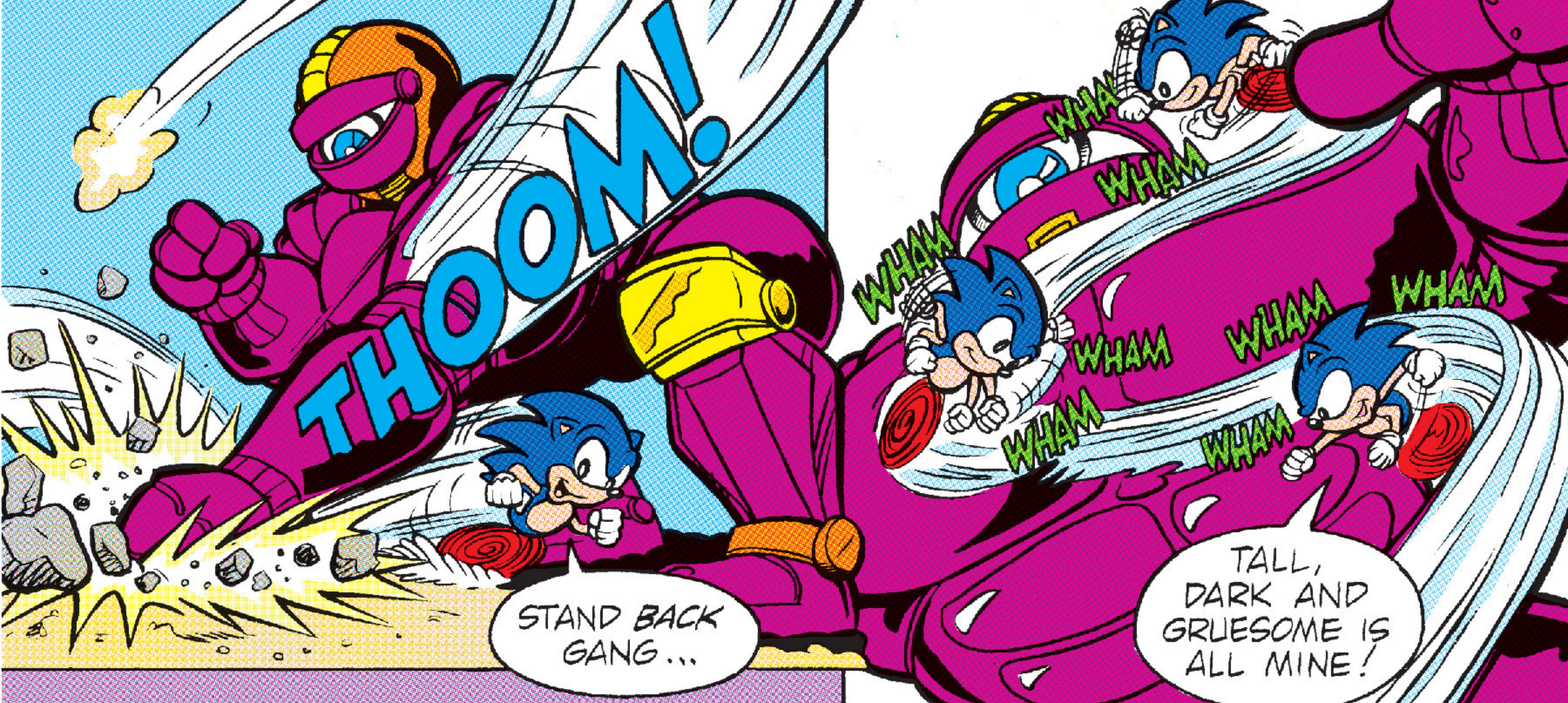


"... AND PROVE THEIR ULTIMATE - UNDOING!"

WHIP WHIP WHIP

WHOOOSH!

SHOOM!

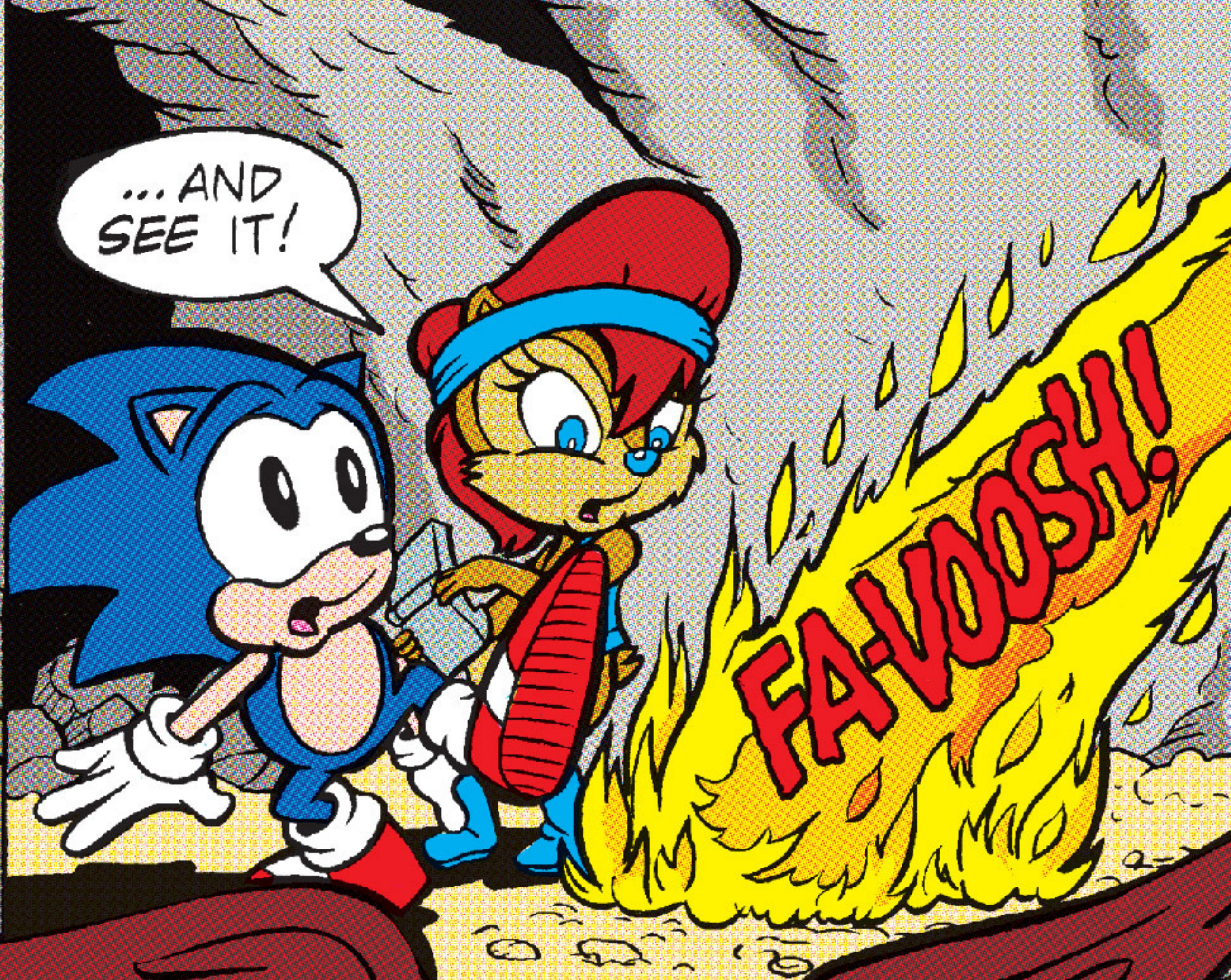




WE'RE GETTING WARMER NOW!

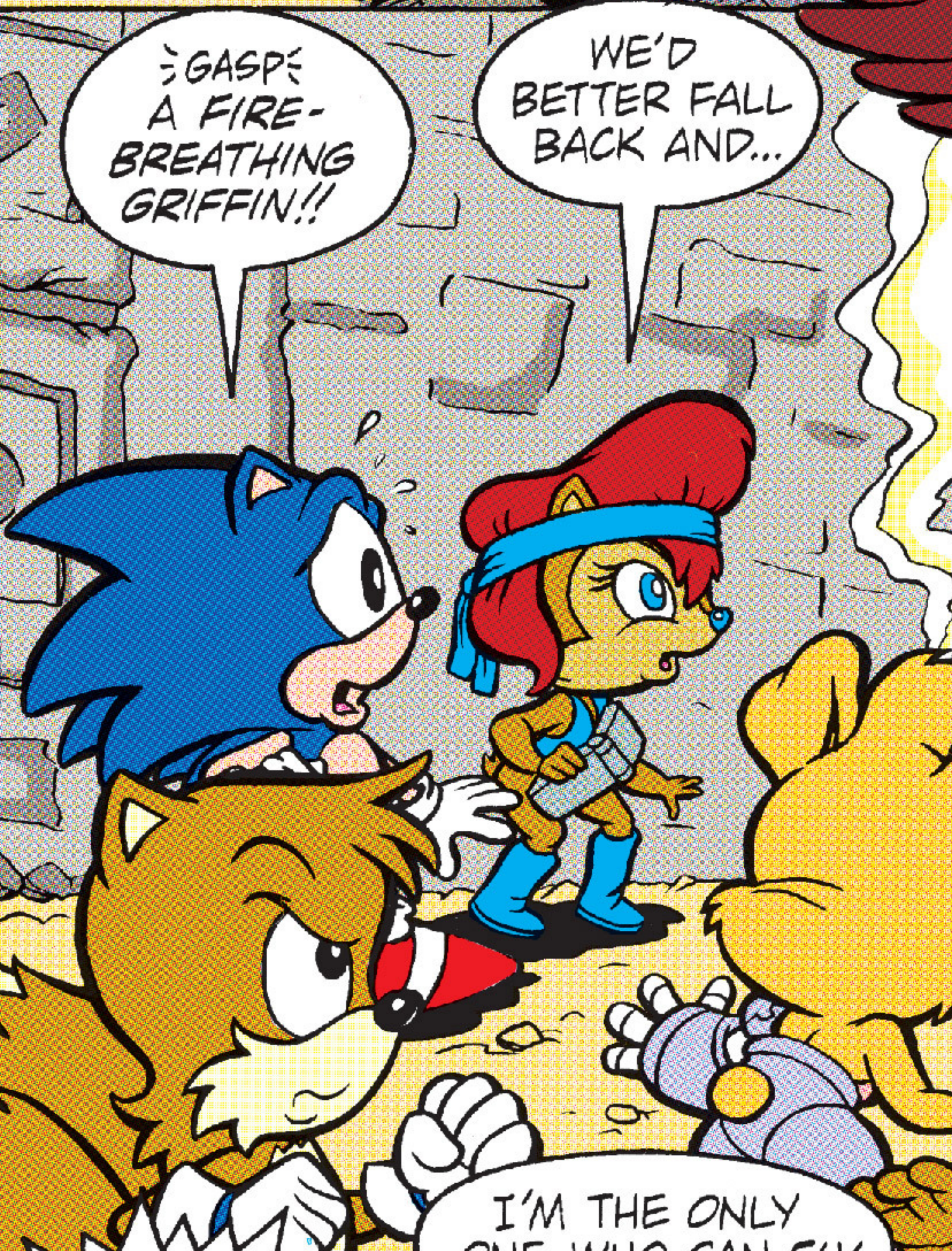
I CAN FEEL IT...

PING
PING
PING



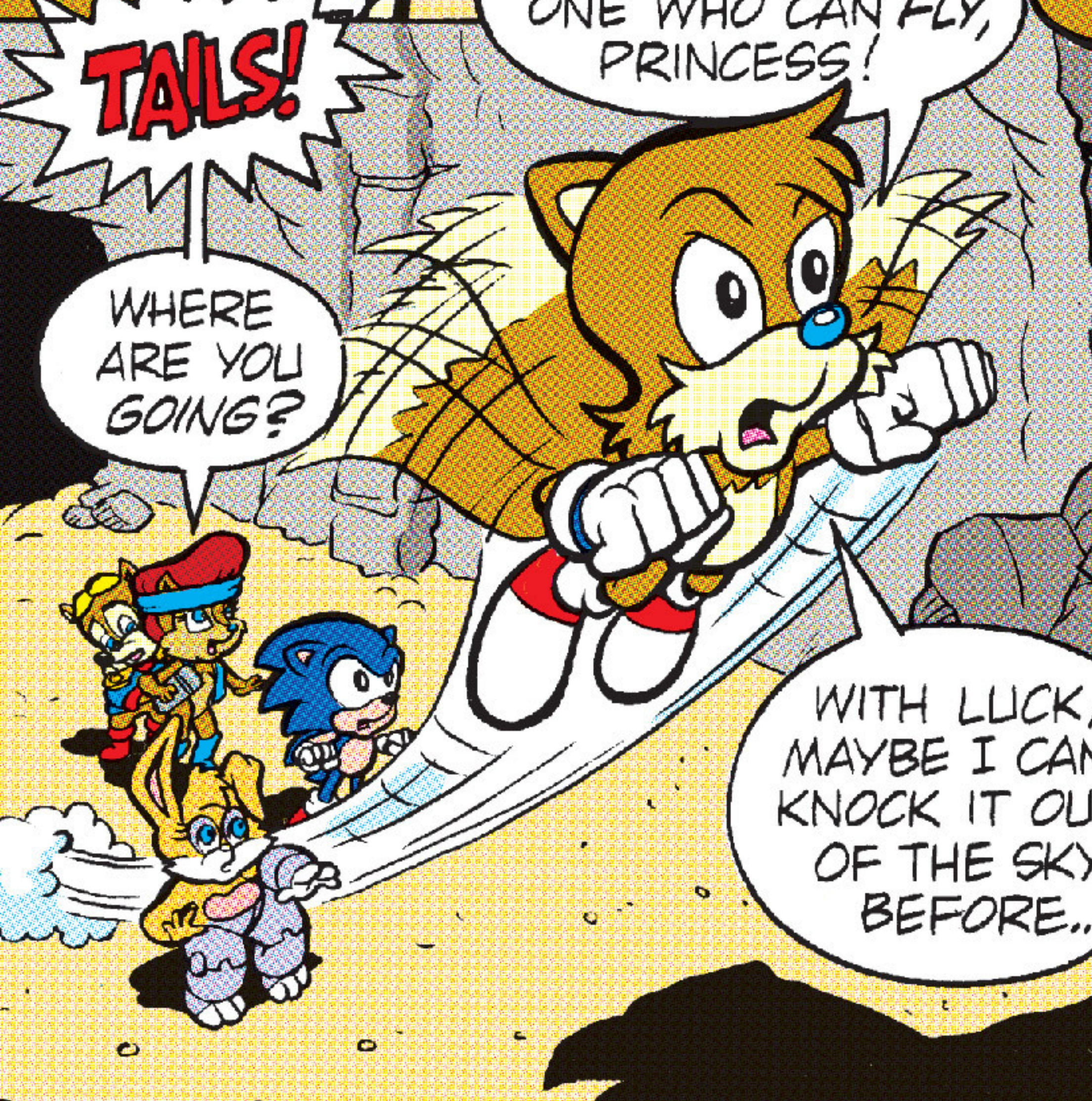
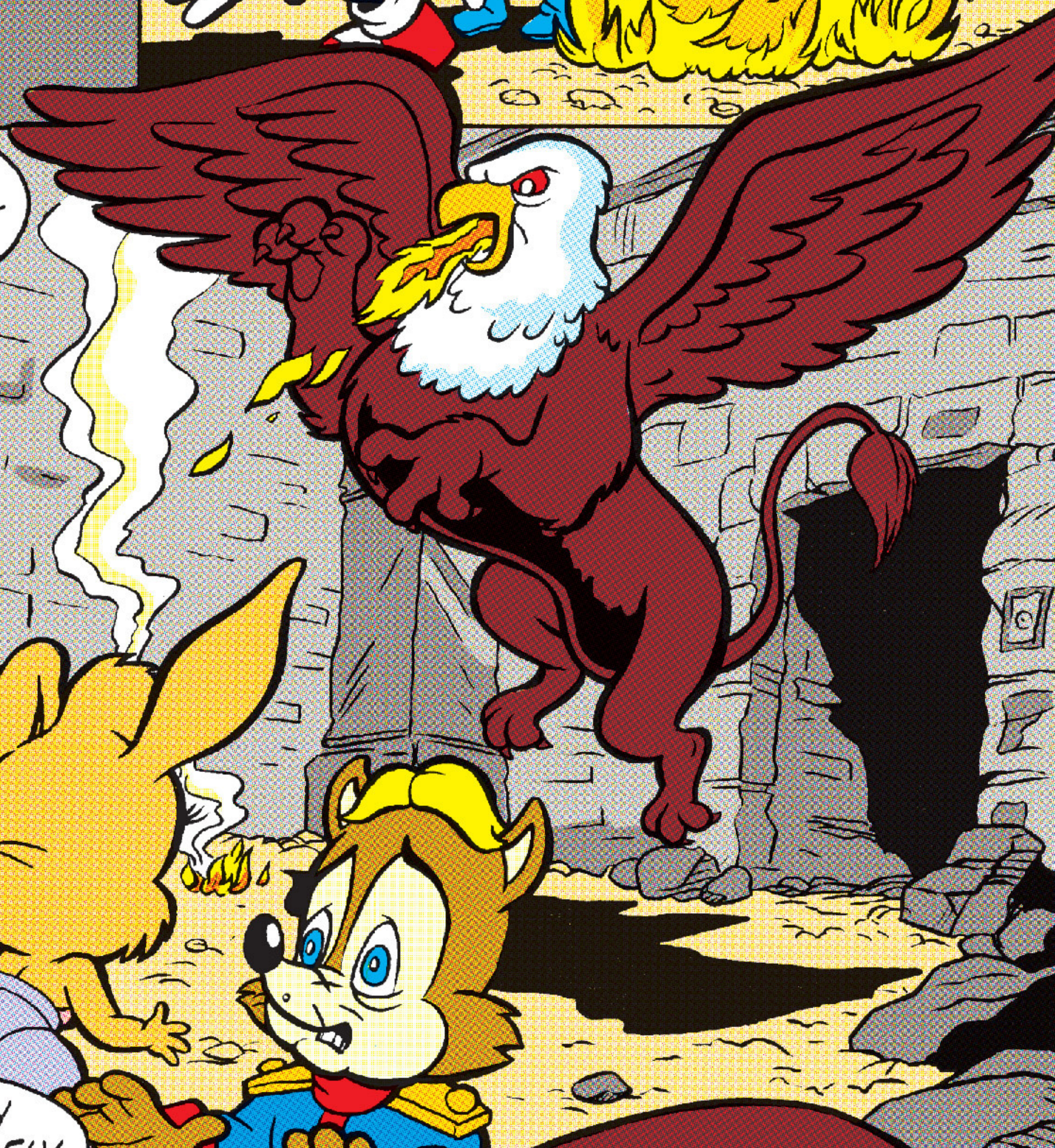
...AND SEE IT!

FA-VOOSH!



GASP! A FIRE-BREATHING GRIFFIN!!

WE'D BETTER FALL BACK AND...



TAILS!

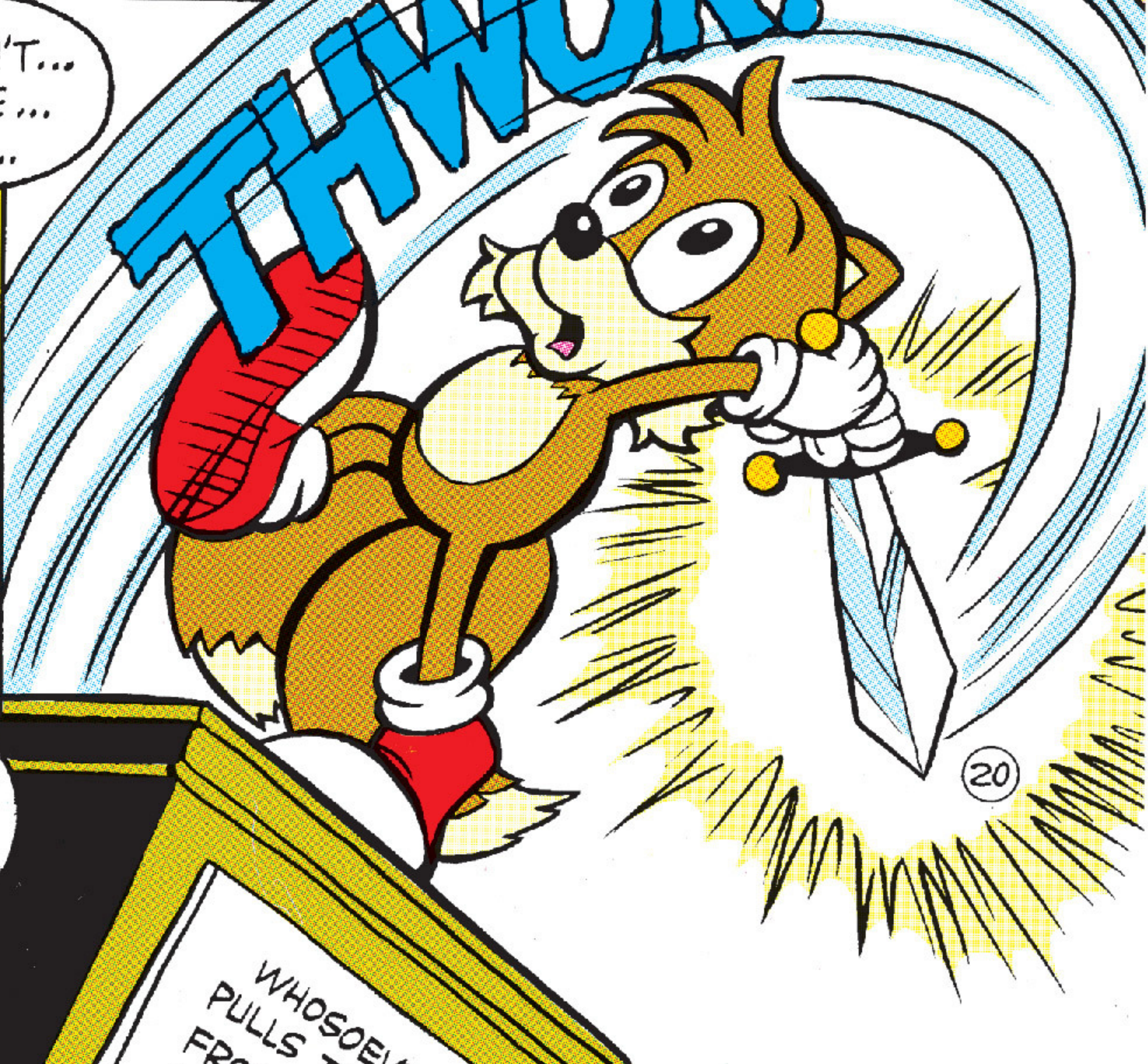
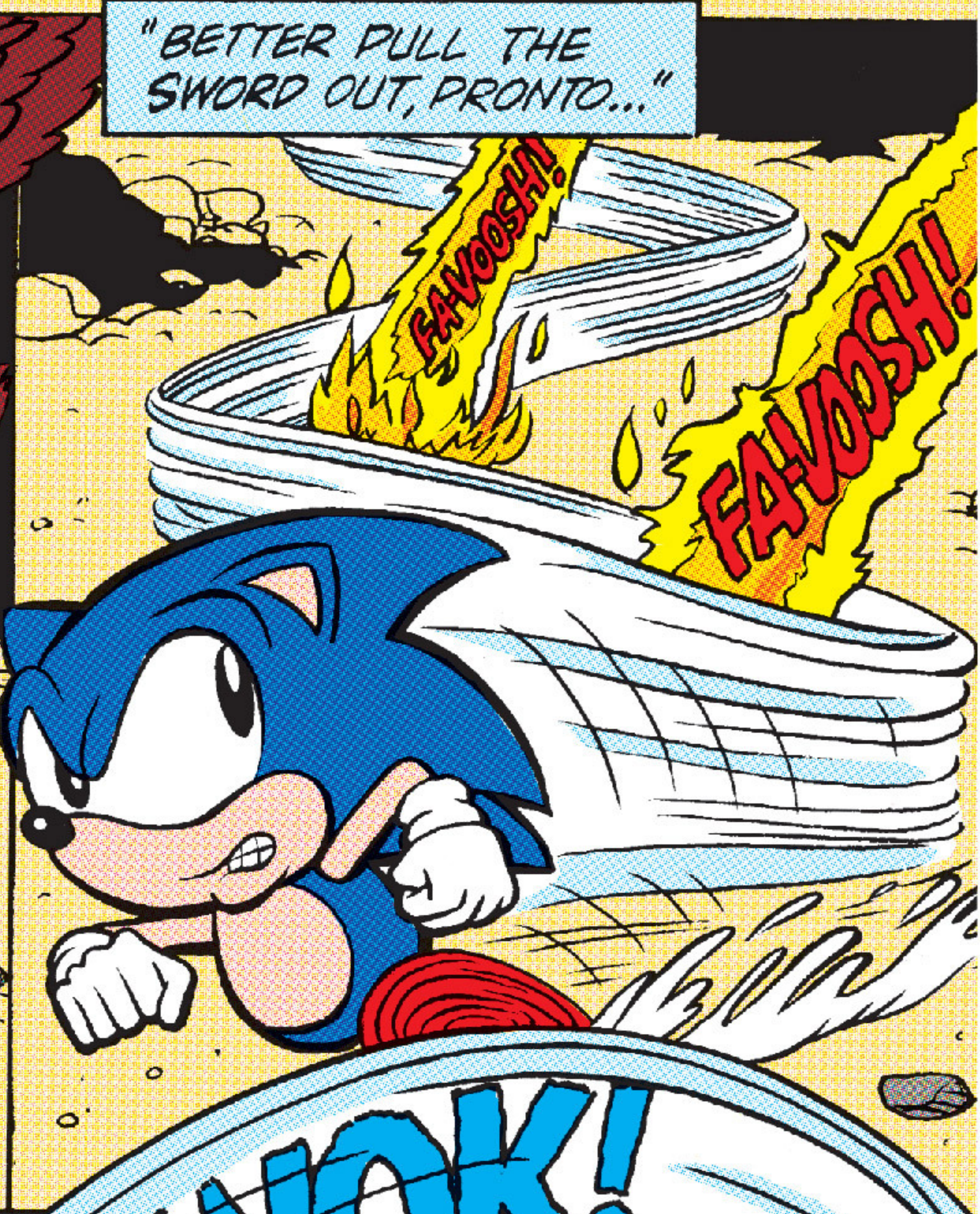
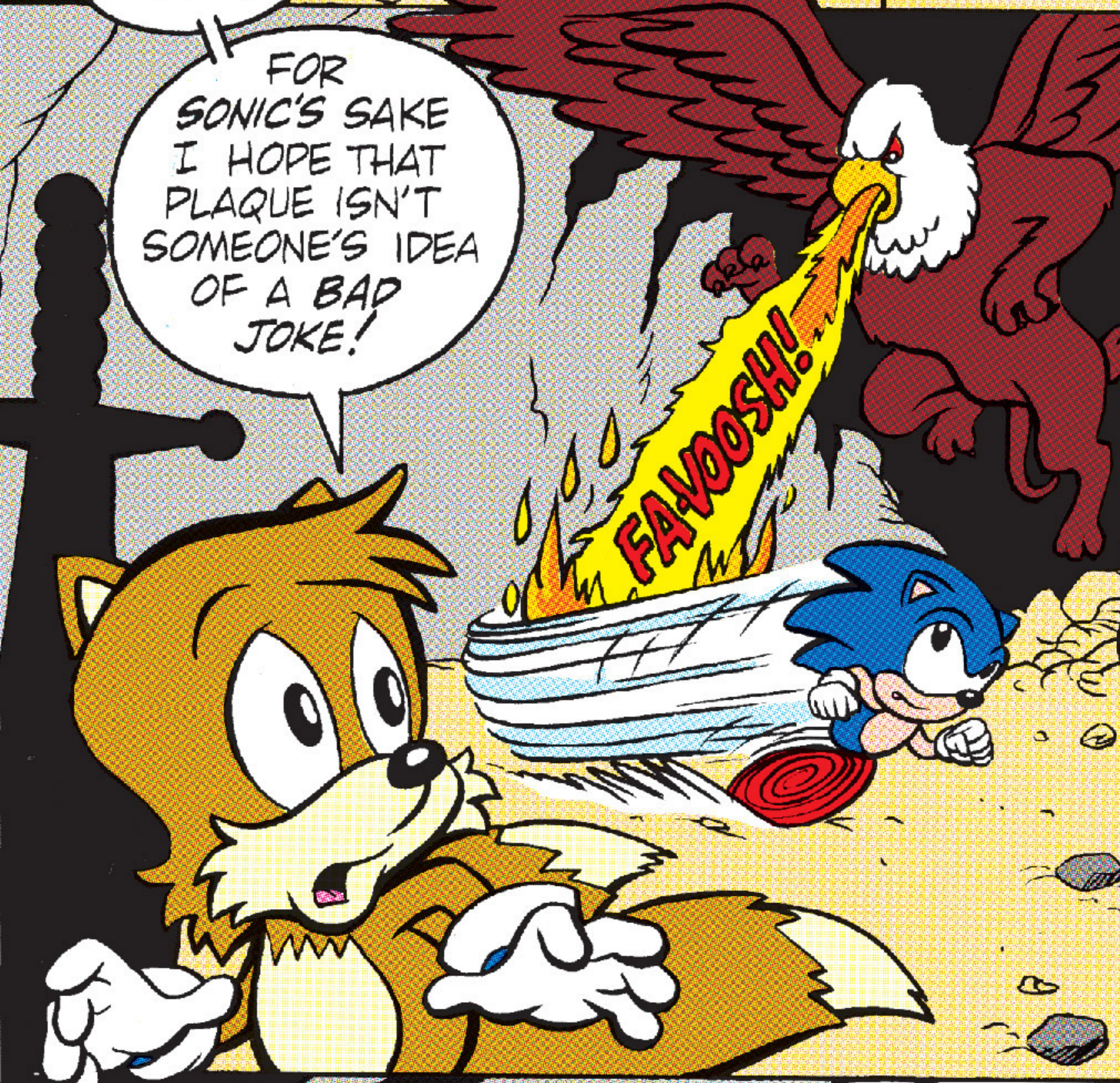
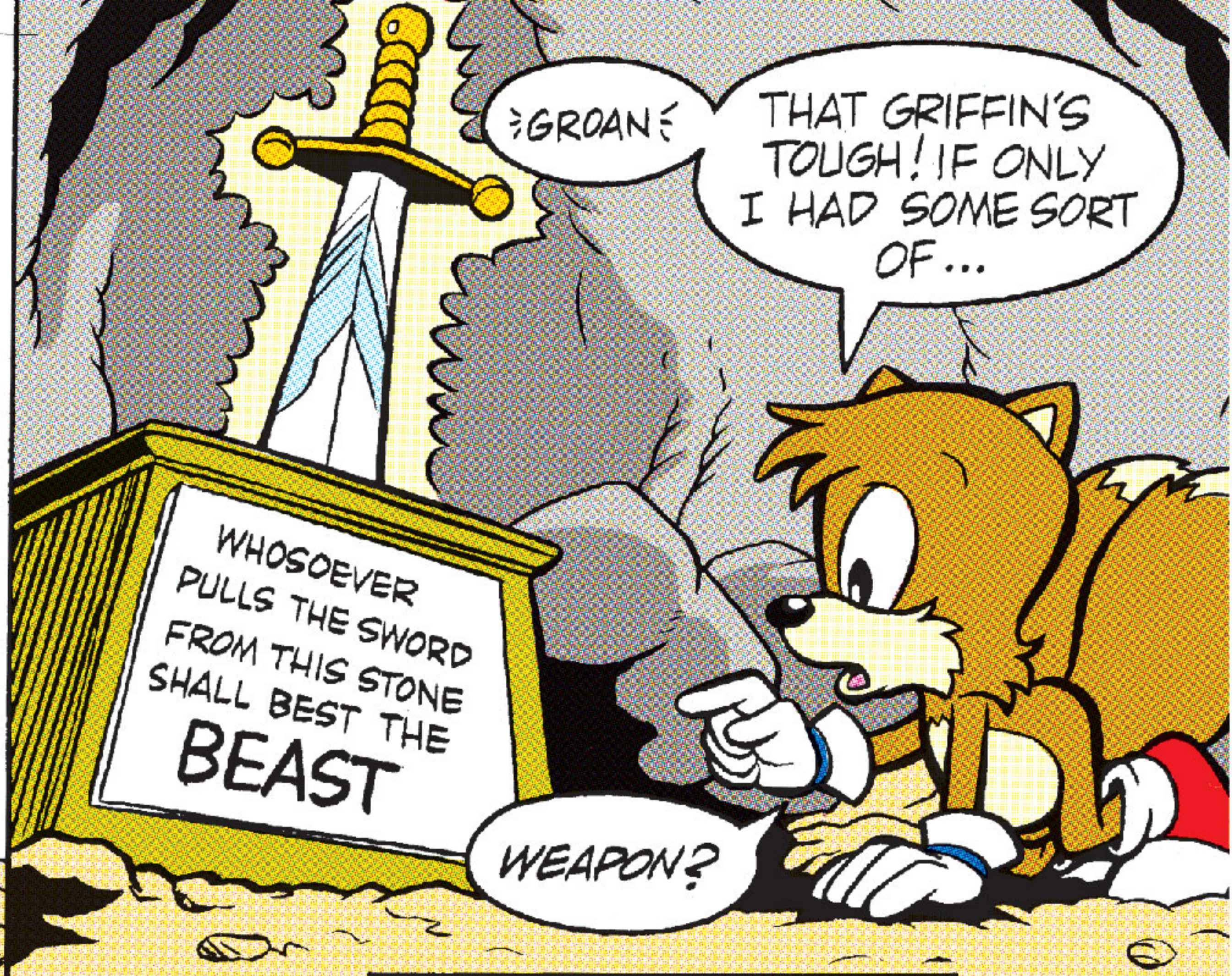
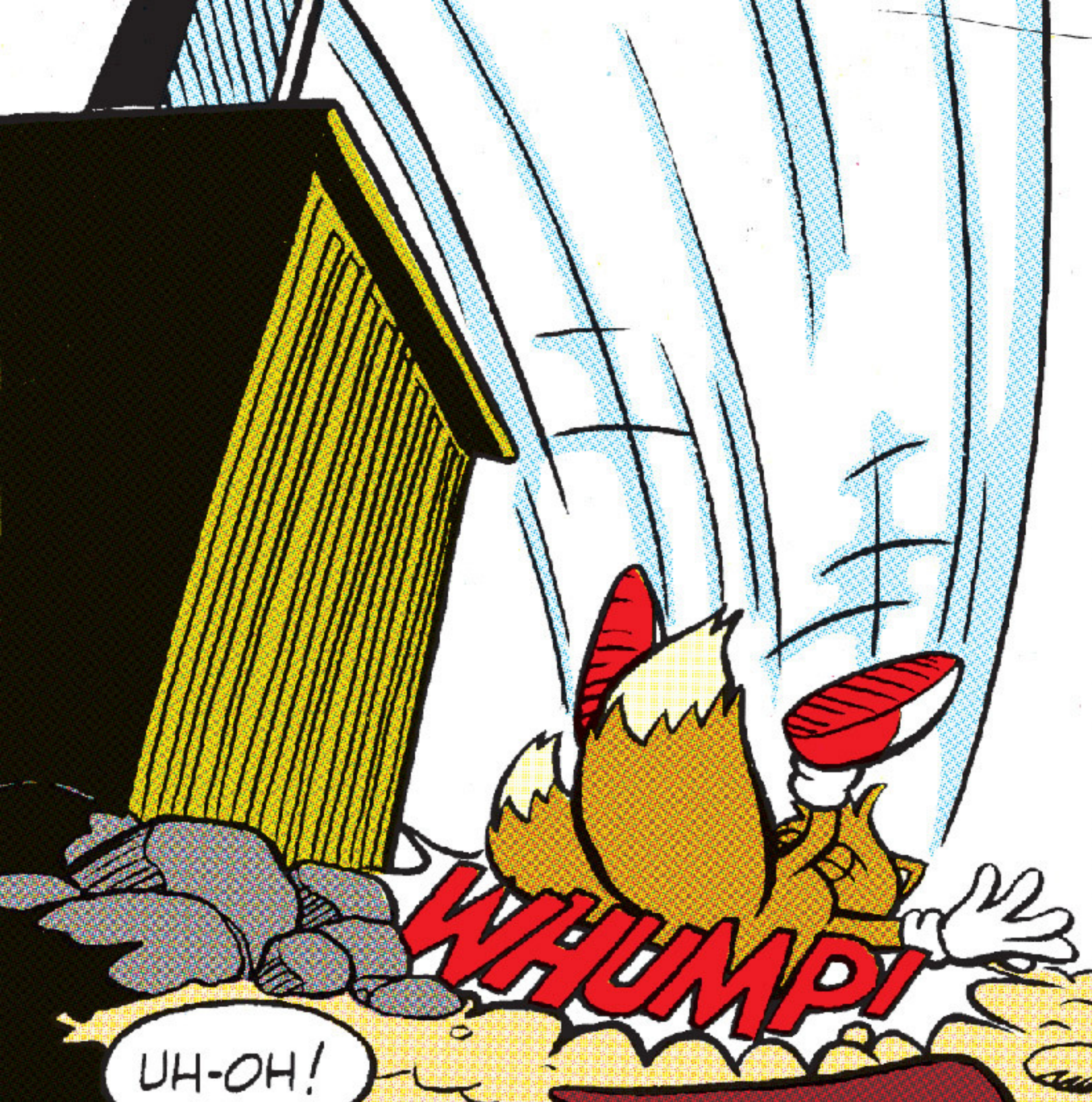
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN FLY, PRINCESS!

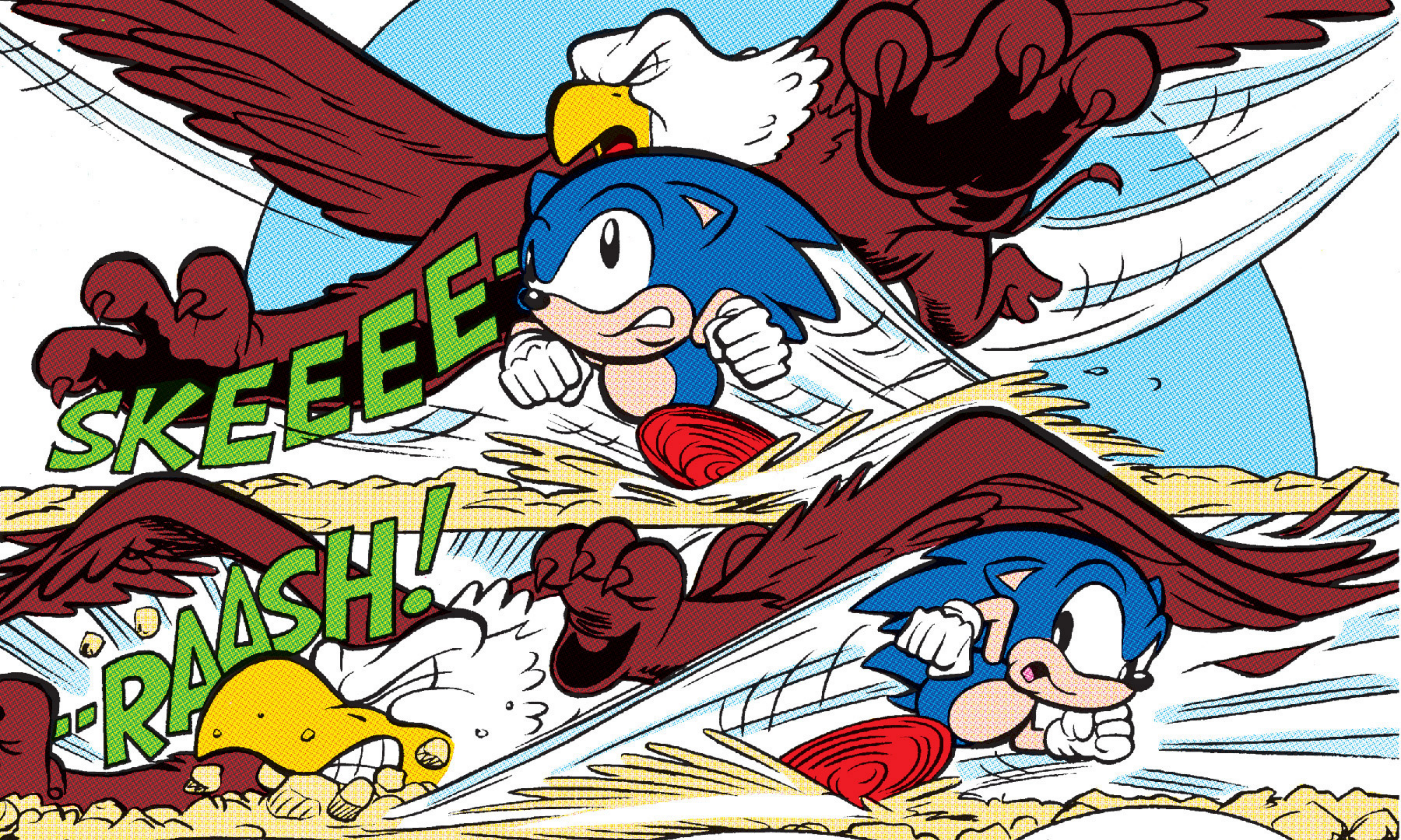
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

WITH LUCK, MAYBE I CAN KNOCK IT OUT OF THE SKY BEFORE...



THWPK!

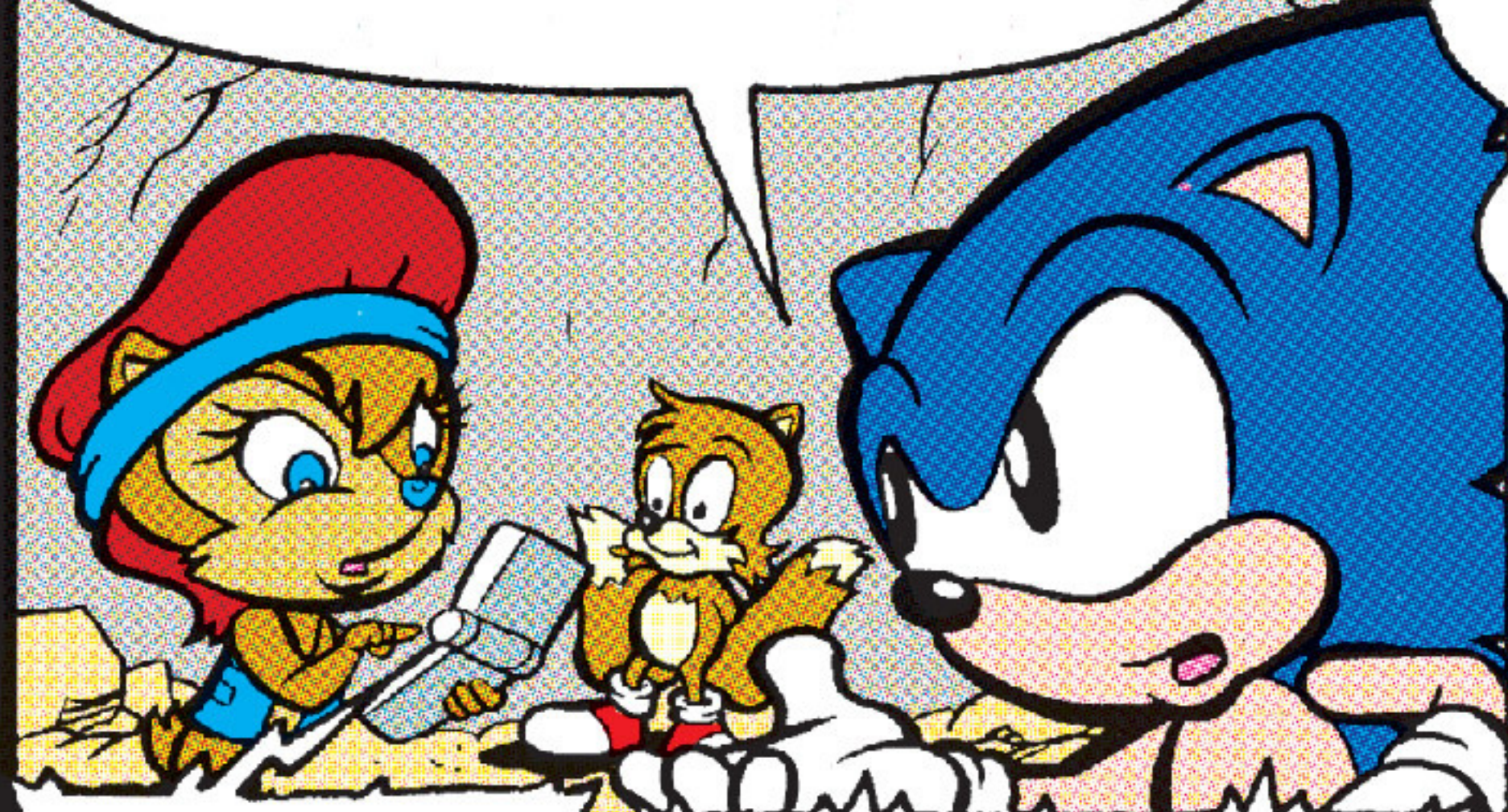




EXCUSE ME... BUT WHAT JUST HAPPENED HERE?

THAT WAS VERY BRAVE, TAILS! BUT NEXT TIME PROMISE ME YOU'LL LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP!

ACCORDING TO THE MAP, WE'RE ALMOST THERE. I JUST HOPE WE DON'T RUN INTO ANY MORE...

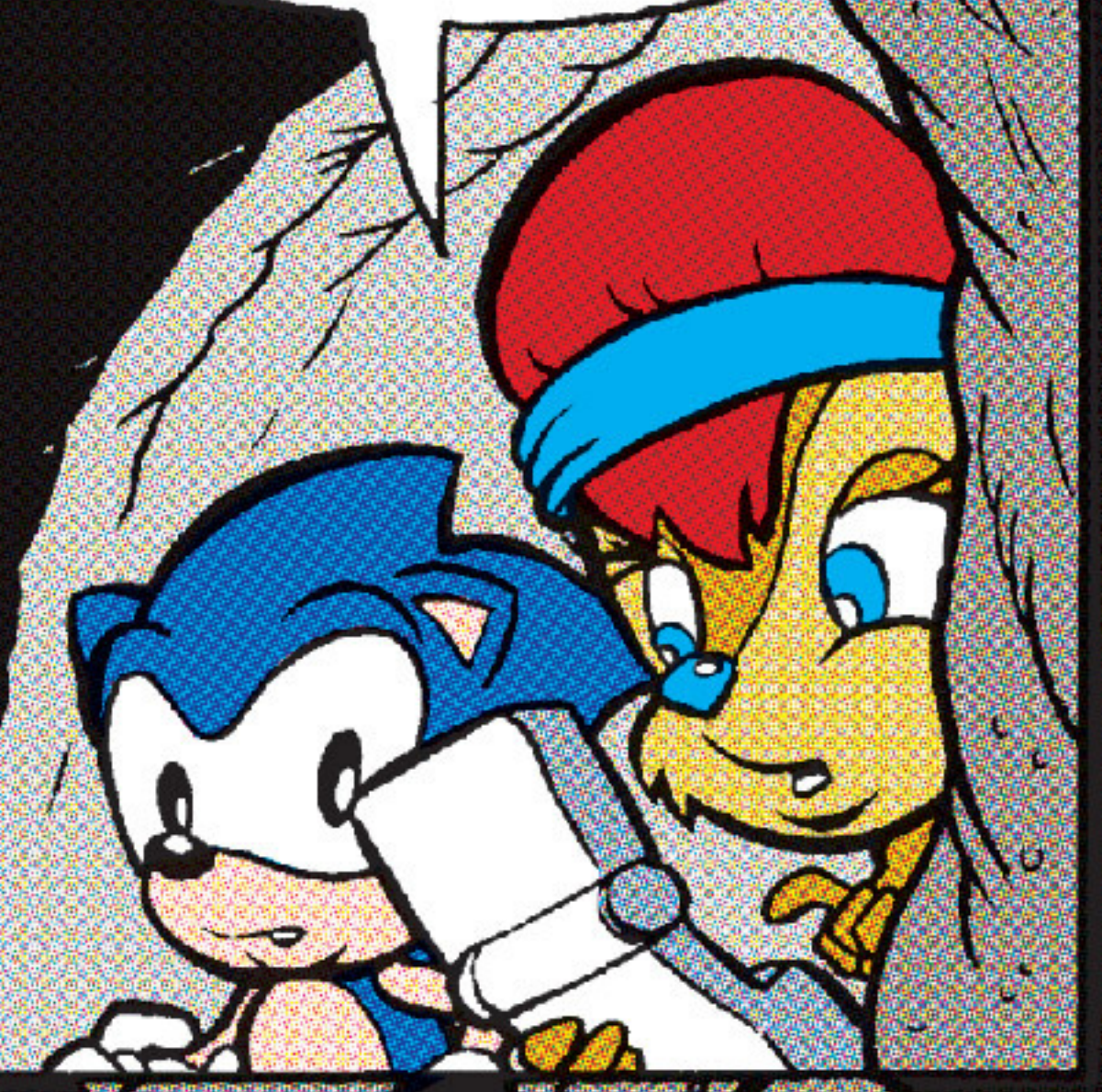


BY FREEING THE SWORD FROM THE STONE...

TAILS BROKE THE CIRCUIT WHICH GRANTED THE GRIFFIN ITS MOBILITY.

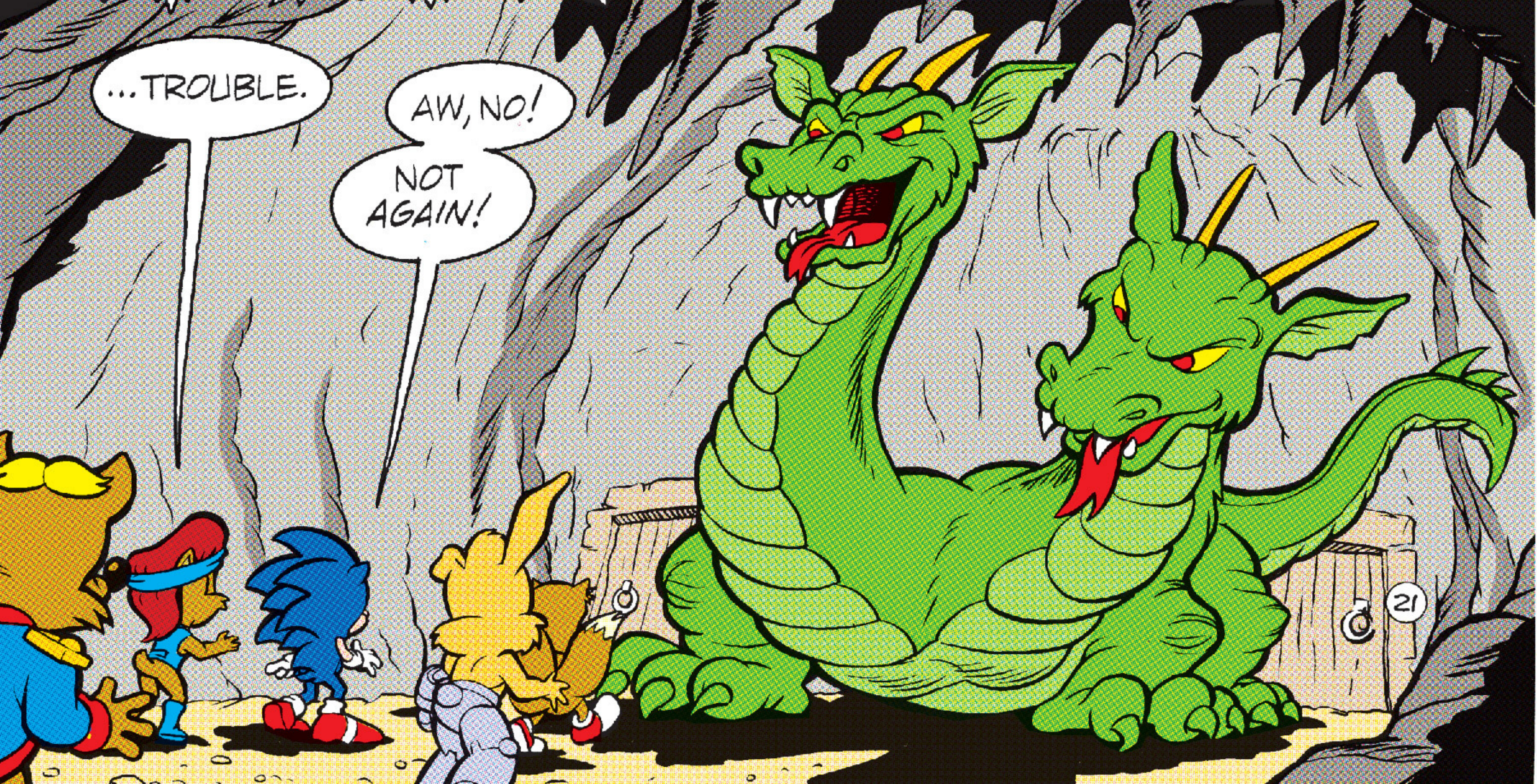


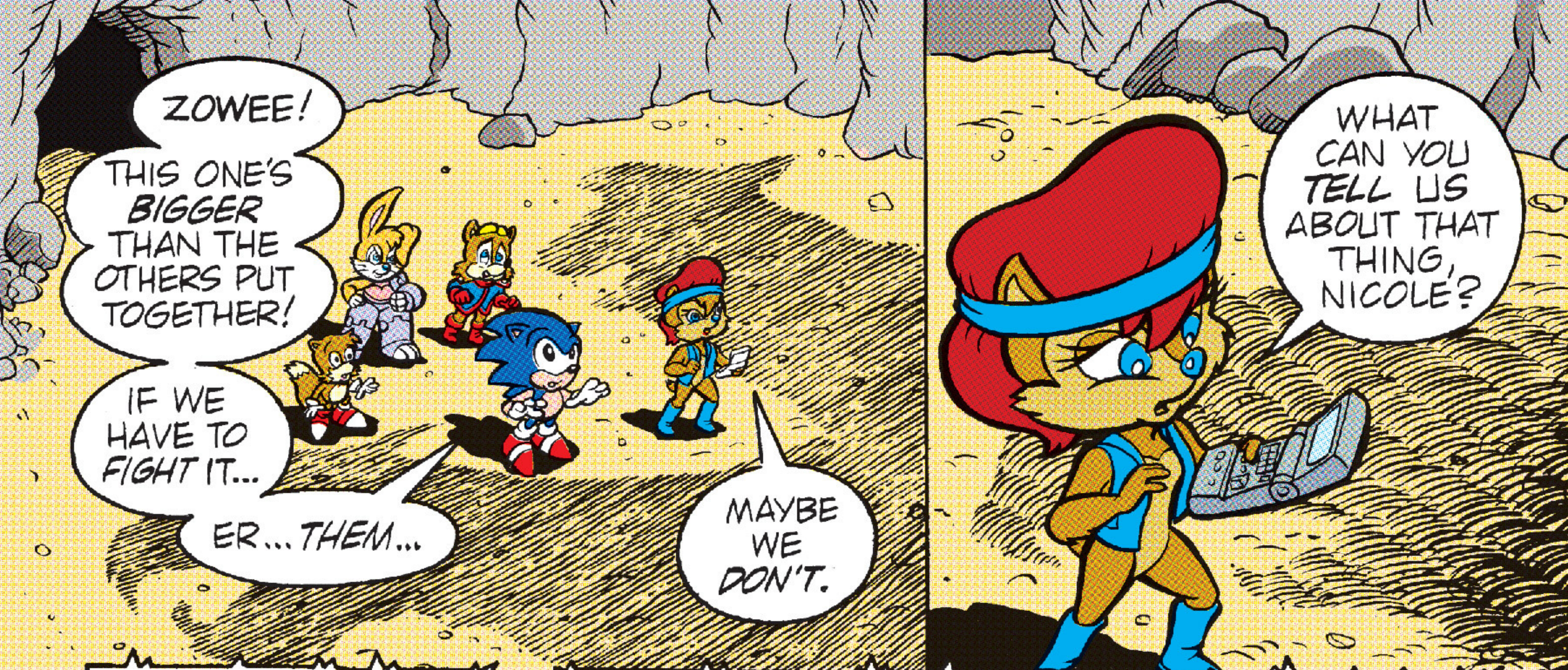
YES, MA'AM!



...TROUBLE.

AW, NO!
NOT AGAIN!





ZOWEE!

THIS ONE'S
BIGGER
THAN THE
OTHERS PUT
TOGETHER!

IF WE
HAVE TO
FIGHT IT...

ER... THEM...

MAYBE
WE
DON'T.

WHAT
CAN YOU
TELL US
ABOUT THAT
THING,
NICOLE?

THE CREATURE BEFORE
YOU IS THE LEGENDARY
POLYSAURUS REX.

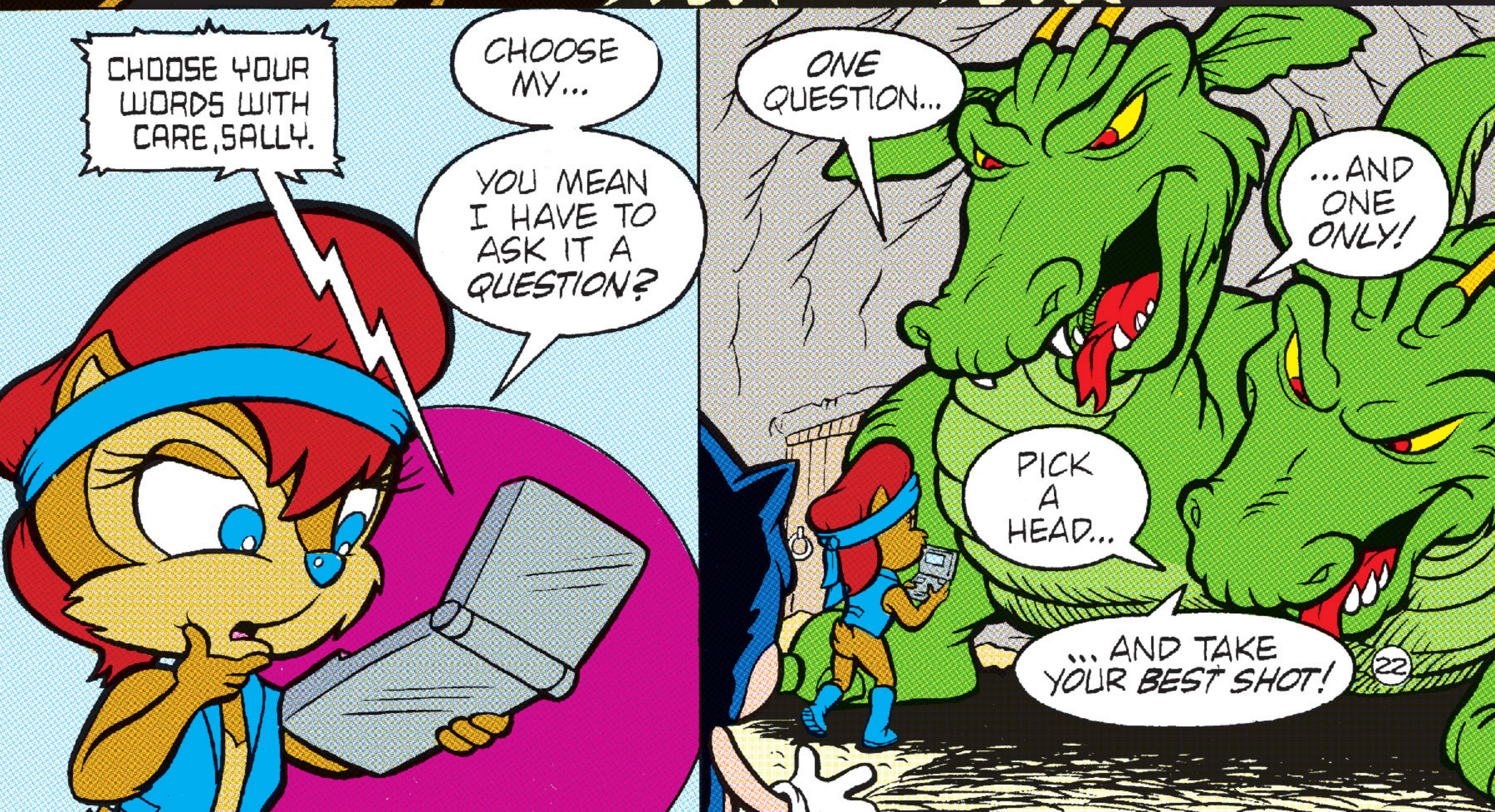
LONG THOUGHT TO BE EXTINCT,
THIS TWO-HEADED, TWO-FACED
BIOMECHANICAL WATCHDOG IS
A WALKING CONTRADICTION
IN TERMS.

ONE HEAD ALWAYS
TELLS THE TRUTH,
WHILE THE OTHER
ALWAYS LIES--

AND NO ONE
CAN EVER BE
QUITE SURE WHICH
HEAD IS WHICH.

BEYOND IT LIE
TWO DOORS, ONE
LEADS TO YOUR
QUEST'S END--

THE OTHER,
TOWARD CERTAIN
DOOM.



CHOOSE YOUR
WORDS WITH
CARE, SALLY.

CHOOSE
MY...

YOU MEAN
I HAVE TO
ASK IT A
QUESTION?

ONE
QUESTION...

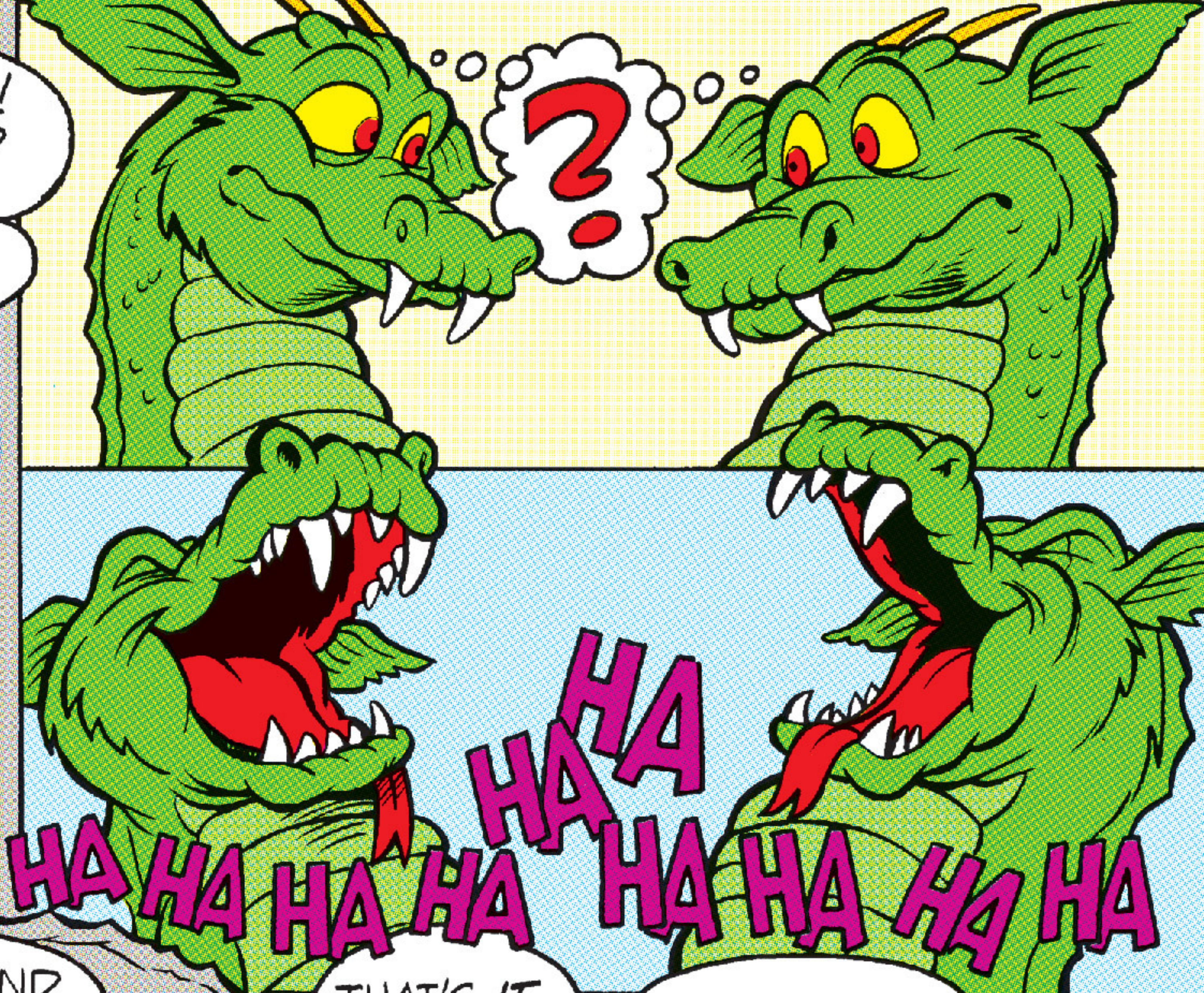
...AND
ONE
ONLY!

PICK
A
HEAD...

... AND TAKE
YOUR BEST SHOT!

VERY WELL.

YOU... ON THE LEFT! WHICH DOOR WOULD THE OTHER HEAD CLAIM LEADS TO QUEST'S END?



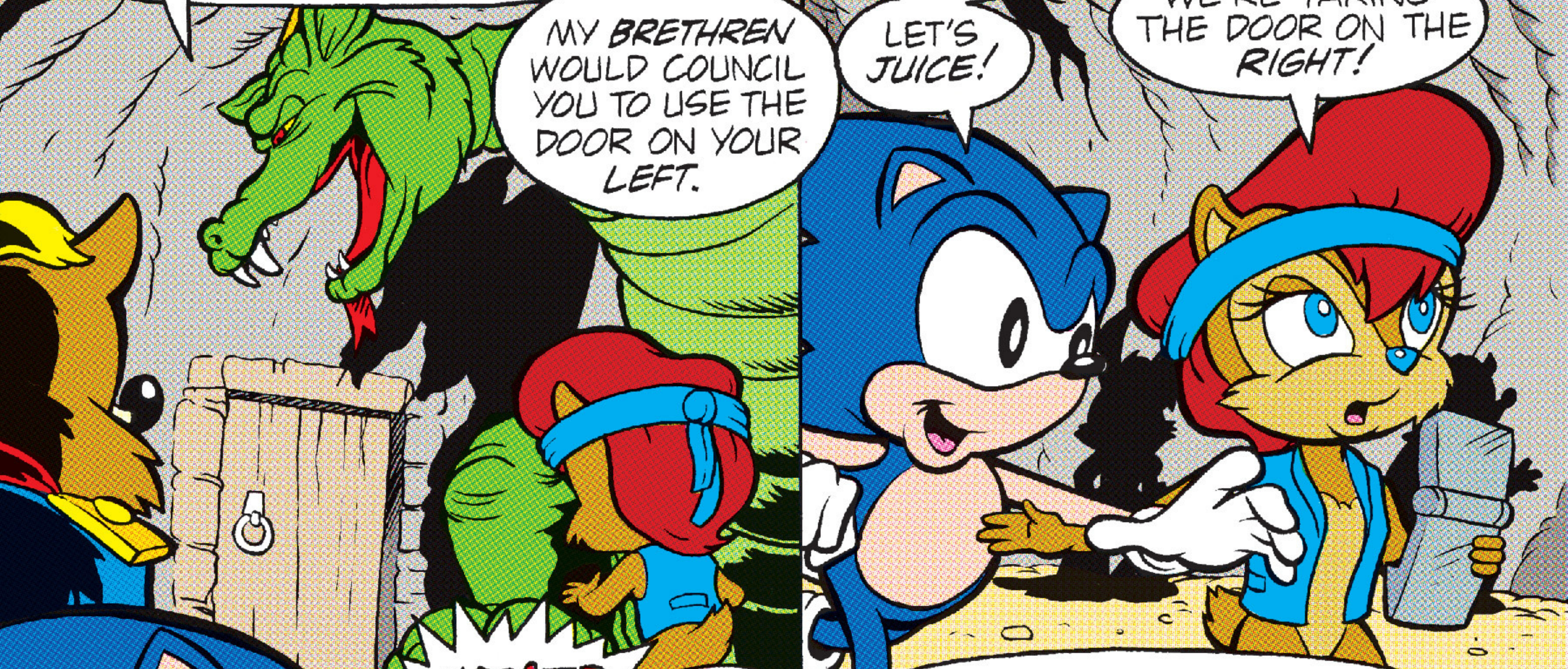
TRULY, YOU ARE WISE BEYOND YOUR YEARS, LITTLE PRINCESS.

MY BRETHREN WOULD COUNCIL YOU TO USE THE DOOR ON YOUR LEFT.

THAT'S IT, THEN!

LET'S JUICE!

NO, SONIC-- WE'RE TAKING THE DOOR ON THE RIGHT!



WHAT?

BUT HE JUST SAID--

THAT'S RIGHT!

ON THE OTHER HAND, IF HE WAS THE HEAD THAT LIES... THEN OBVIOUSLY IT WOULD STILL BE THE DOOR ON THE RIGHT!

THINK ABOUT IT...

IF HE WAS THE HEAD THAT TELLS THE TRUTH, HE WOULD HAVE TOLD US TRUTHFULLY THAT THE OTHER HEAD WOULD HAVE LIED.



WELL, SINCE WE AREN'T PUSHING UP DAISIES, I GUESS YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE.

BUT THAT STILL DOESN'T TELL ME WHICH HEAD WAS WHICH!

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, I DON'T KNOW EITHER! BUT NONE OF THAT MATTERS NOW!

WE'VE ARRIVED AT...

**Quest's
END!**

WOW...

LOOK AT THAT!

I SEE IT, SONIC!

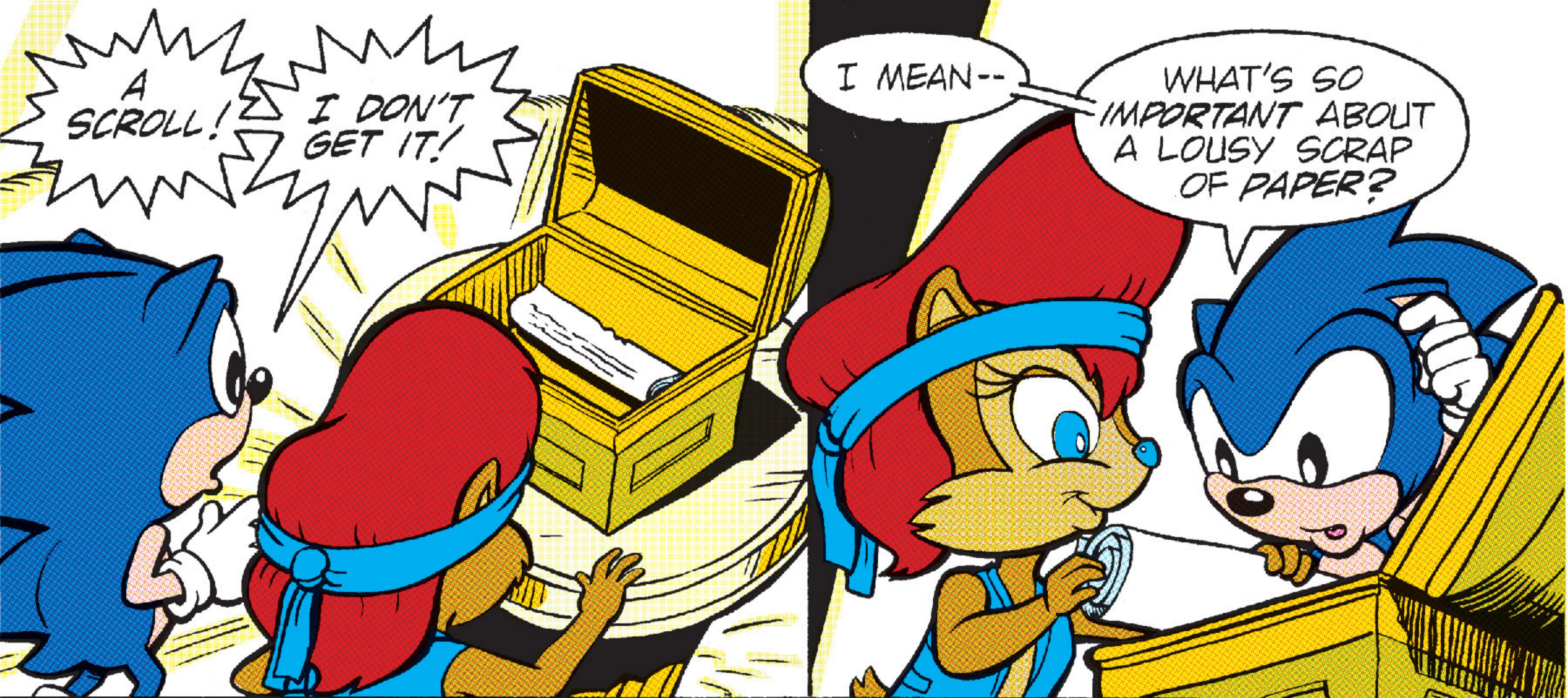
A MINIATURE VERSION OF JULAYLA'S HOPE CHEST!

THIS MUST BE WHAT WE CAME FOR!

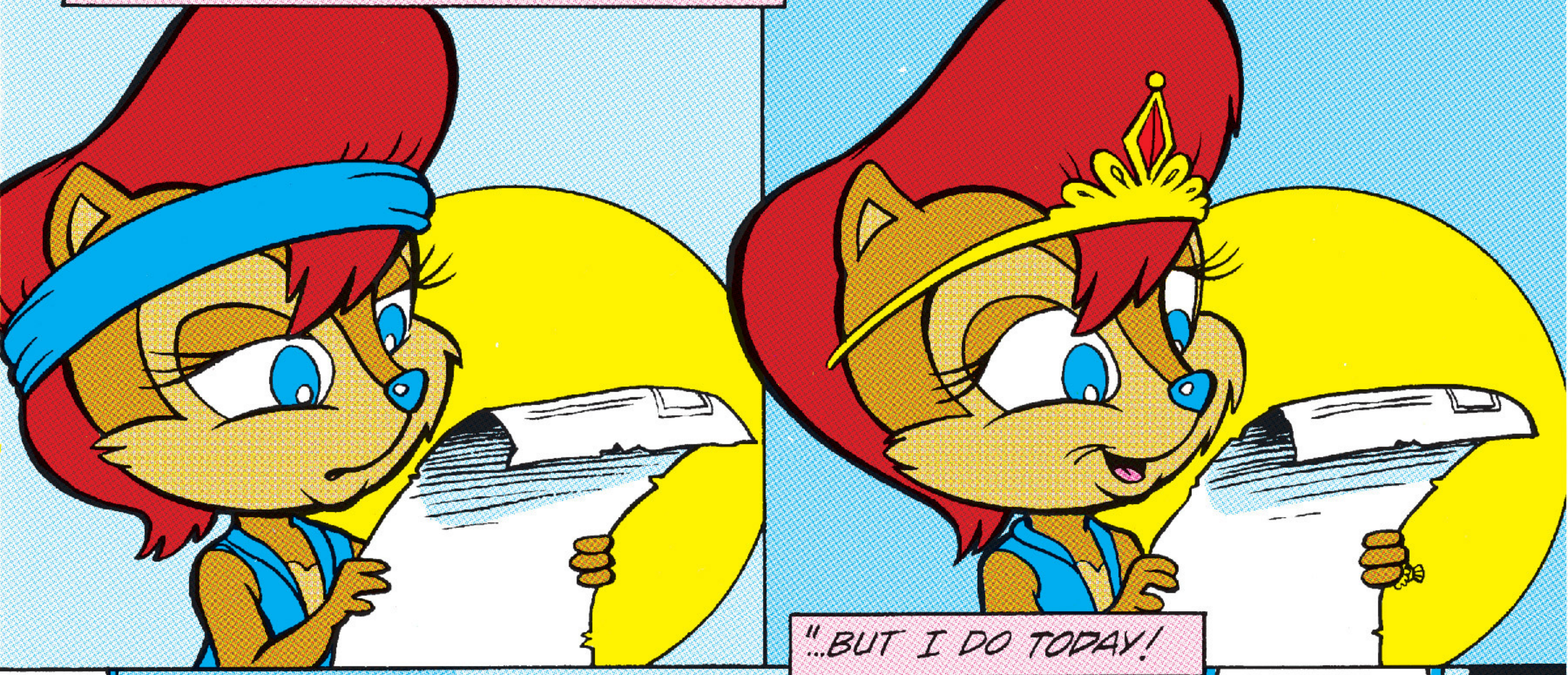
I WONDER WHAT'S...

INSIDE?!

POP!



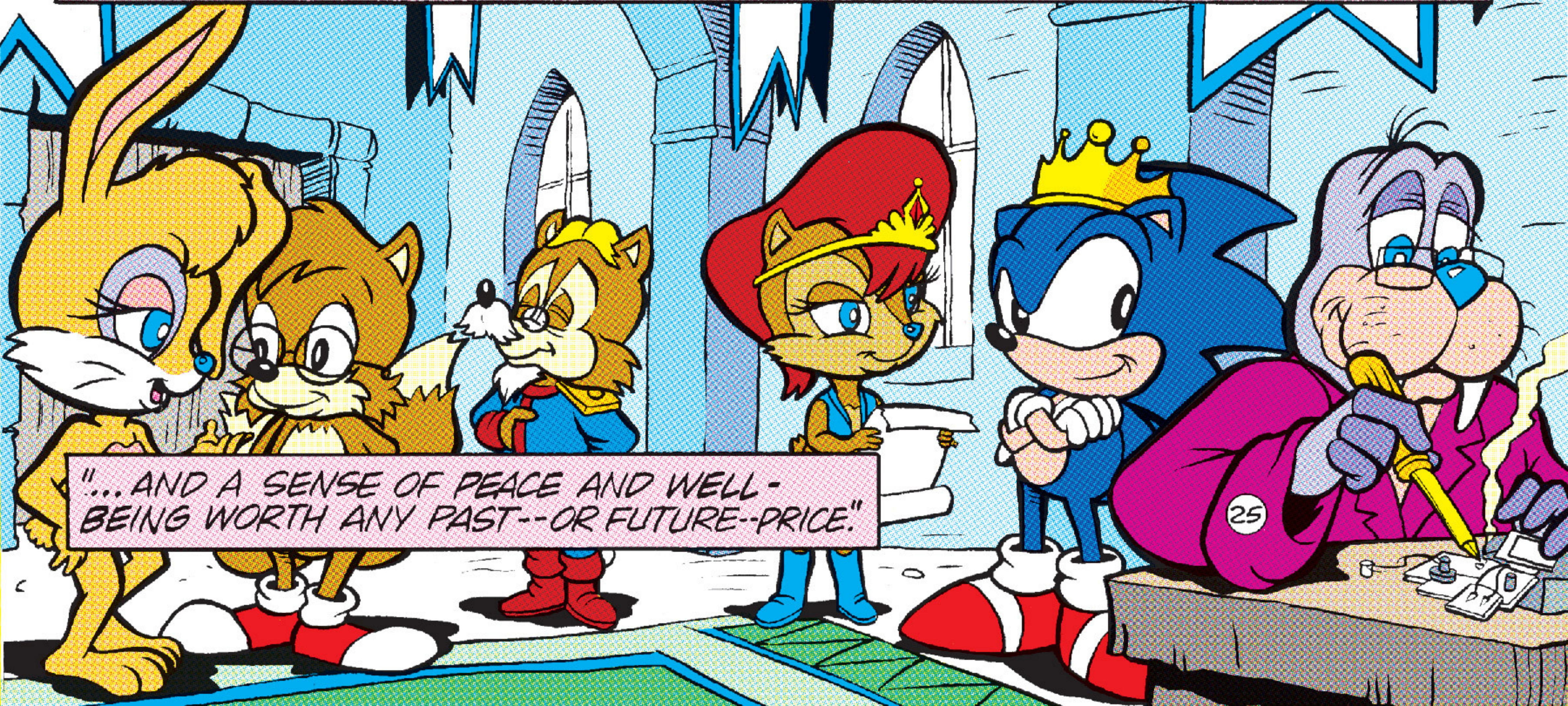
"I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MOMENT THEN..."



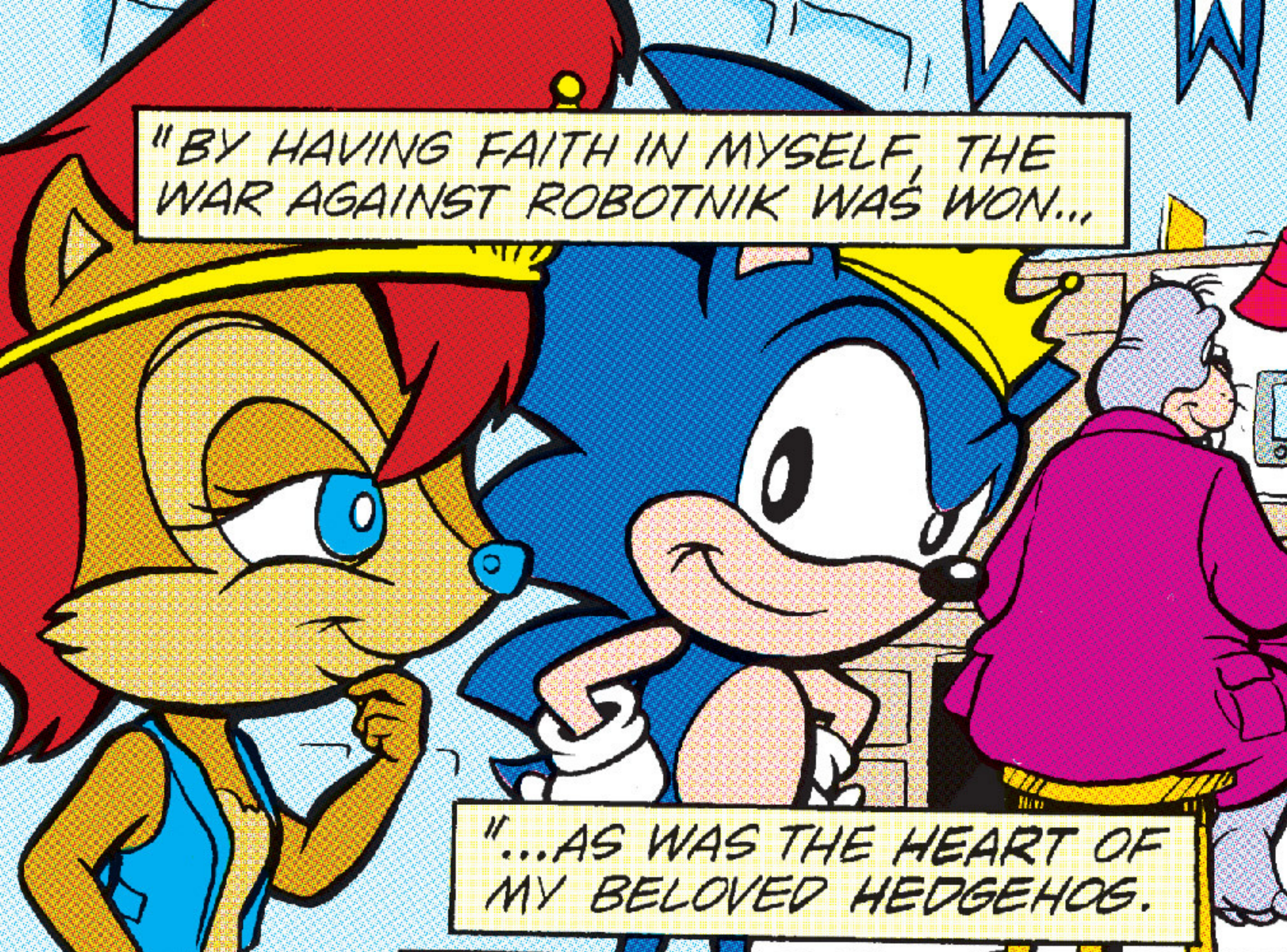
"...BUT I DO TODAY!"

"JULAYLA'S WORDS HAVE SERVED ME IN GOOD STEAD FOR FULLY TWO DECADES!"

"AS HER FINAL TESTAMENT CLEARLY STATED, THE FULFILLMENT OF MY QUEST HAS INDEED GRANTED ME ONENESS OF THE SOUL..."



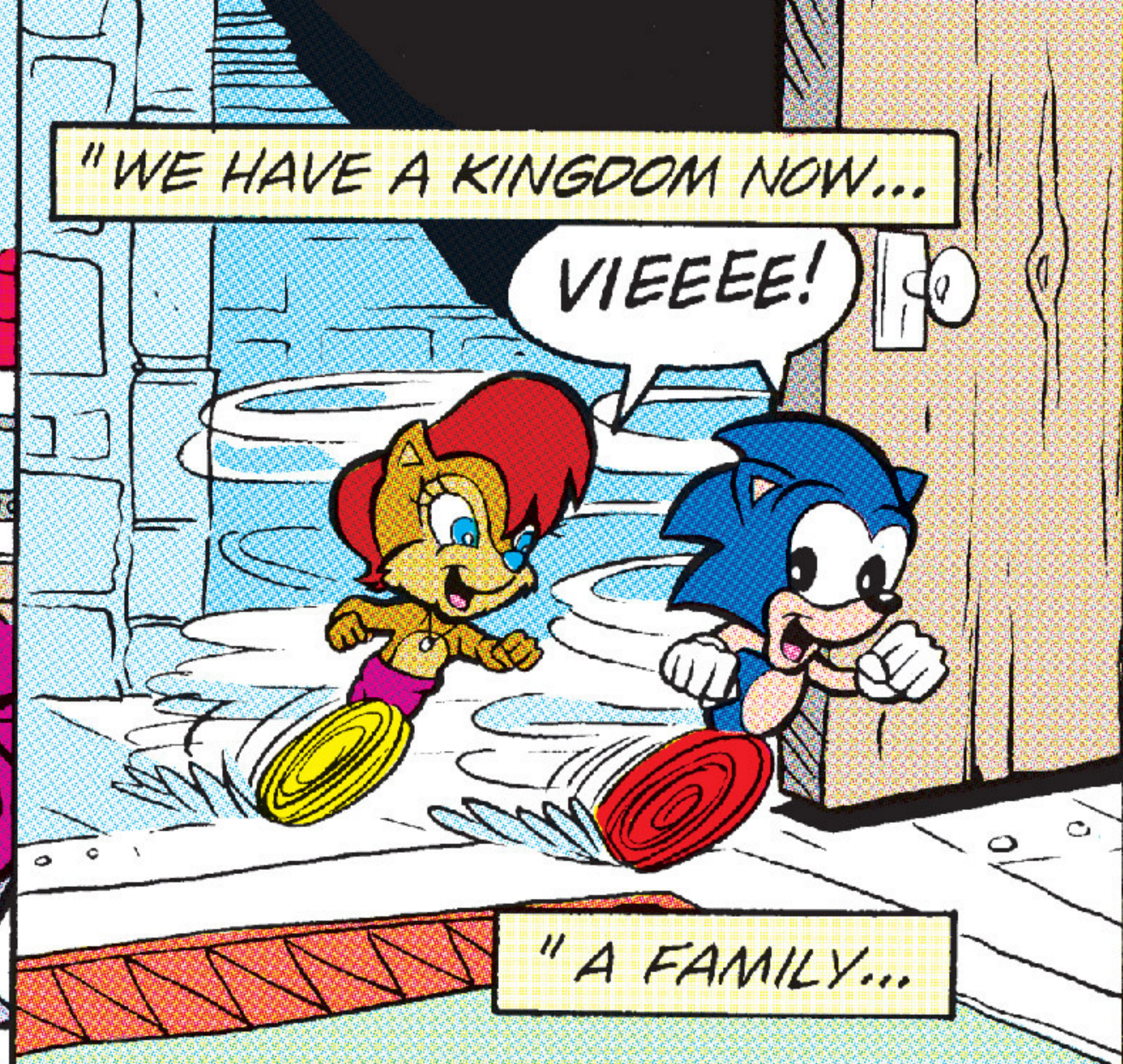
"...AND A SENSE OF PEACE AND WELL-BEING WORTH ANY PAST--OR FUTURE--PRICE."



"BY HAVING FAITH IN MYSELF, THE WAR AGAINST ROBOTNIK WAS WON..."

"...AS WAS THE HEART OF MY BELOVED HEDGEHOG."

"AND THE CHILDREN..."



"WE HAVE A KINGDOM NOW..."

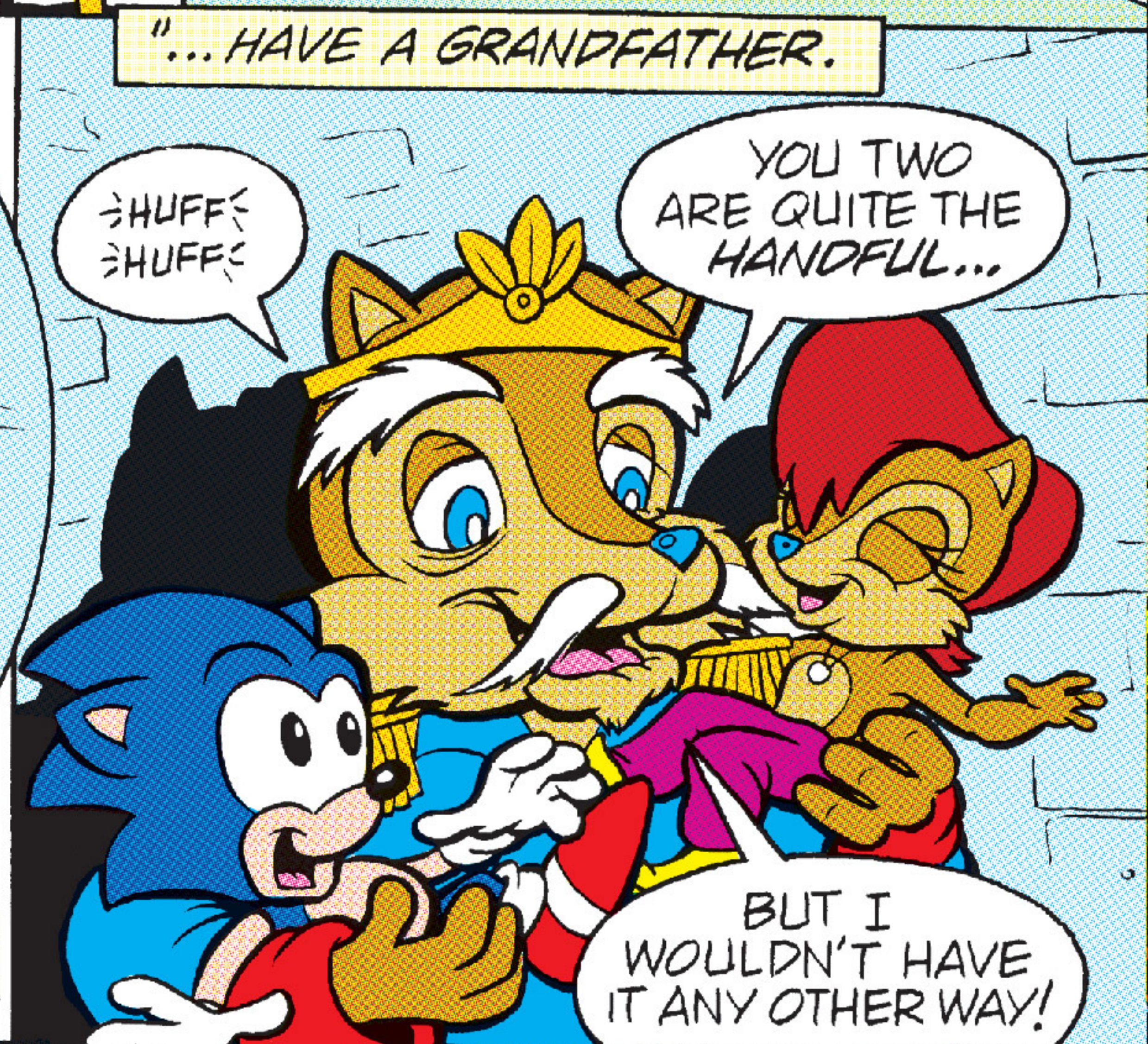
VIEEEE!

"A FAMILY..."



HOLD UP, YOU LITTLE SCAMPS!

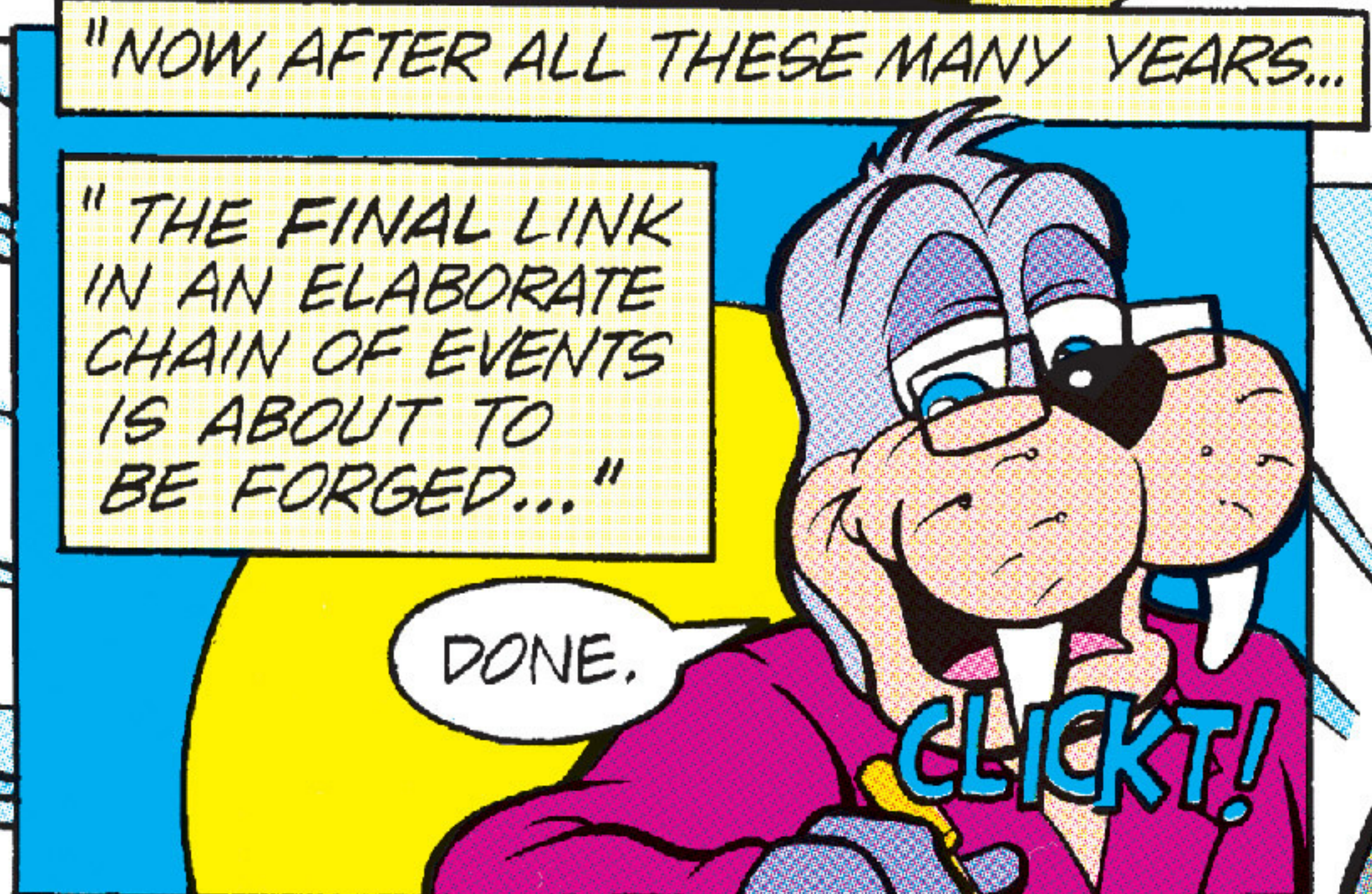
"...HAVE A GRANDFATHER."



HUFF
HUFF

YOU TWO ARE QUITE THE HANDFUL...

BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY!

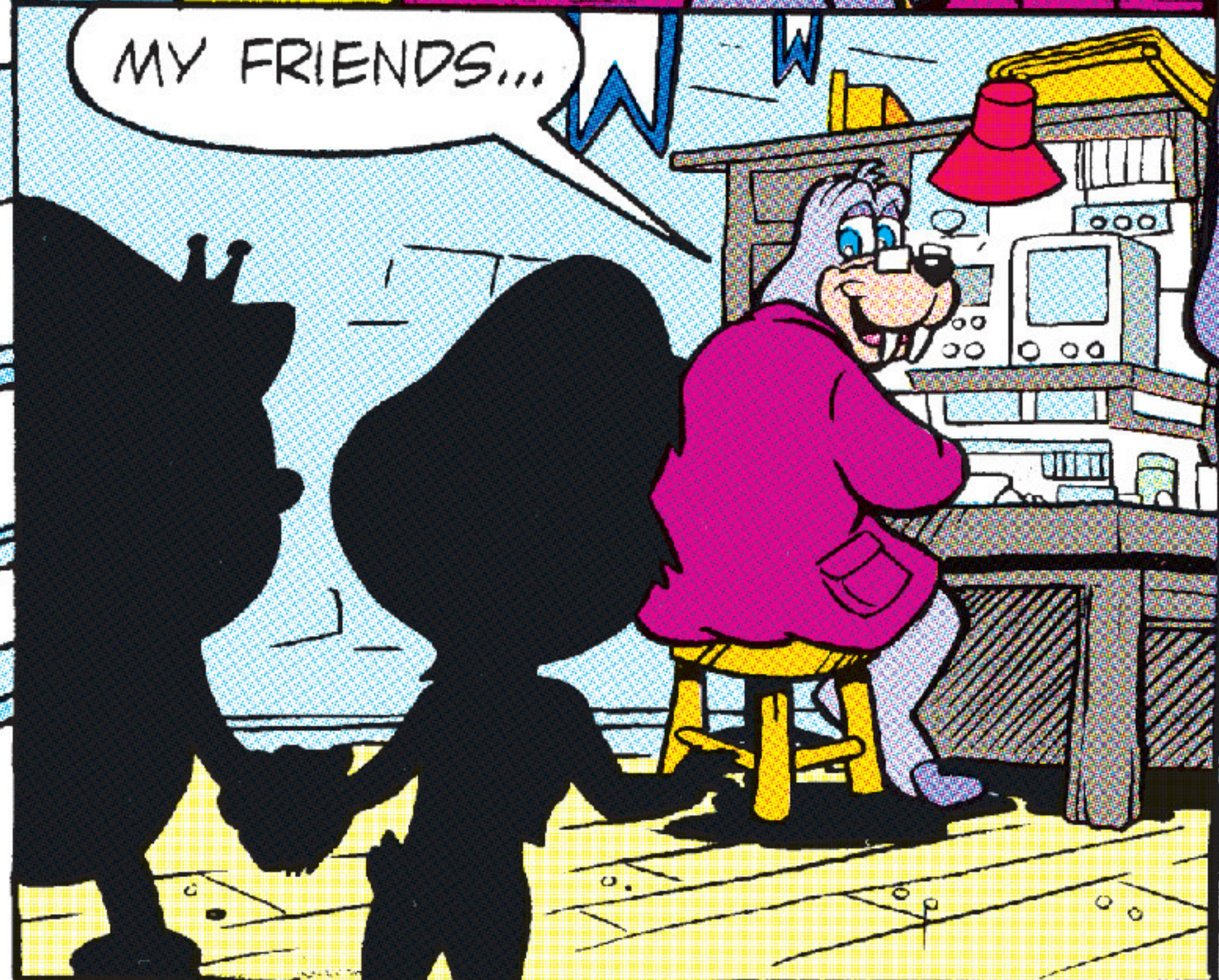


"NOW, AFTER ALL THESE MANY YEARS..."

"THE FINAL LINK IN AN ELABORATE CHAIN OF EVENTS IS ABOUT TO BE FORGED..."

DONE.

CLICK!



MY FRIENDS...



I GIVE YOU--

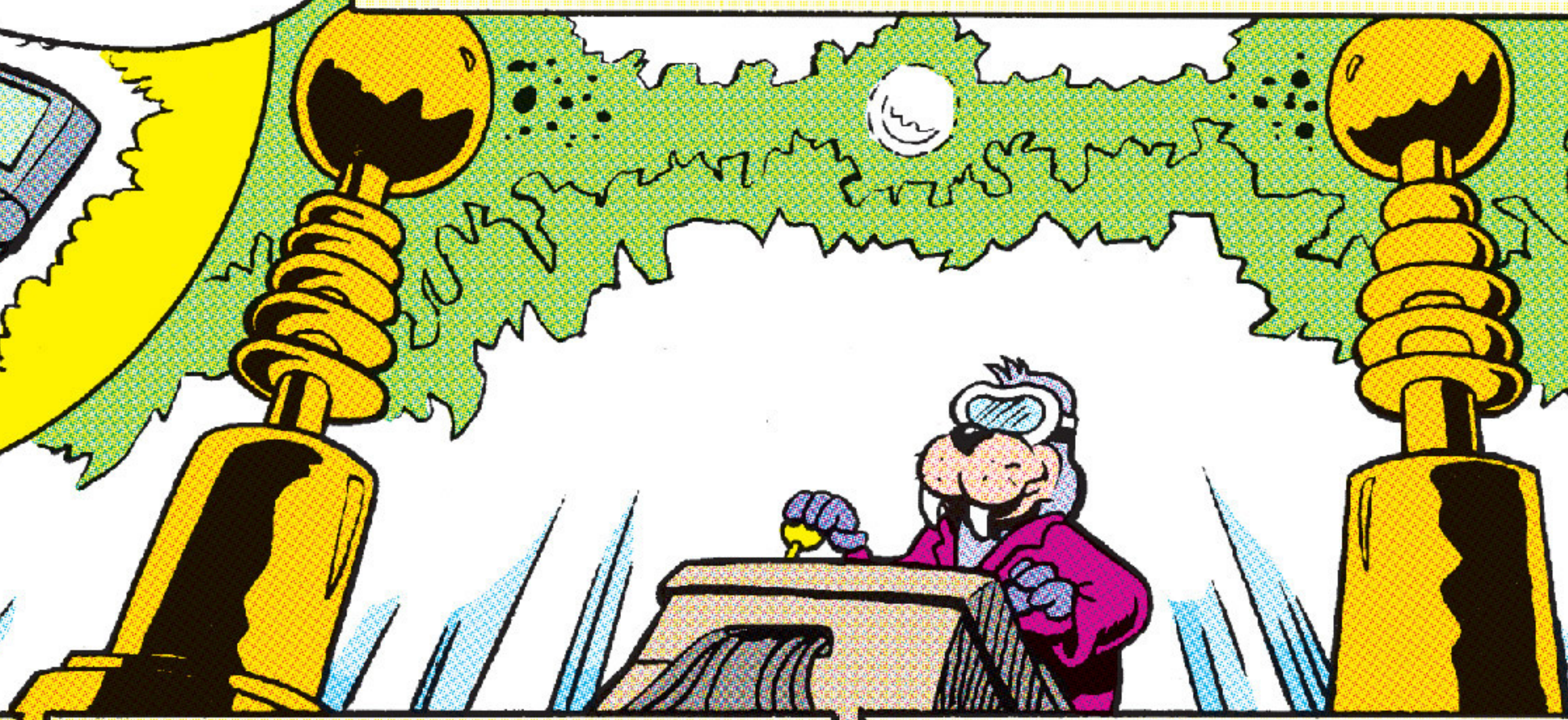
NICOLE!



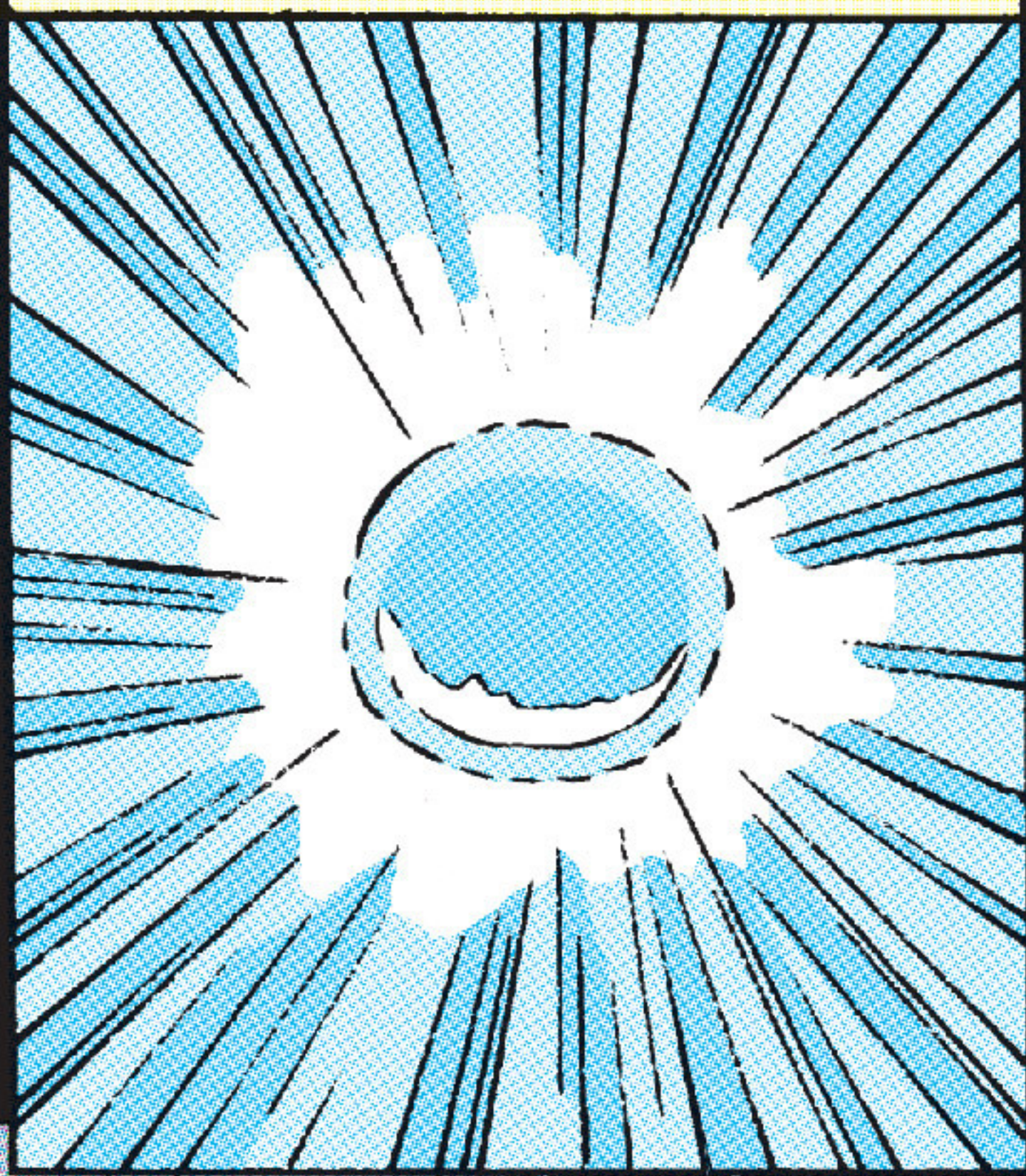
HELLO...
OLD
FRIEND.

IT'S BEEN--
A LONG TIME.

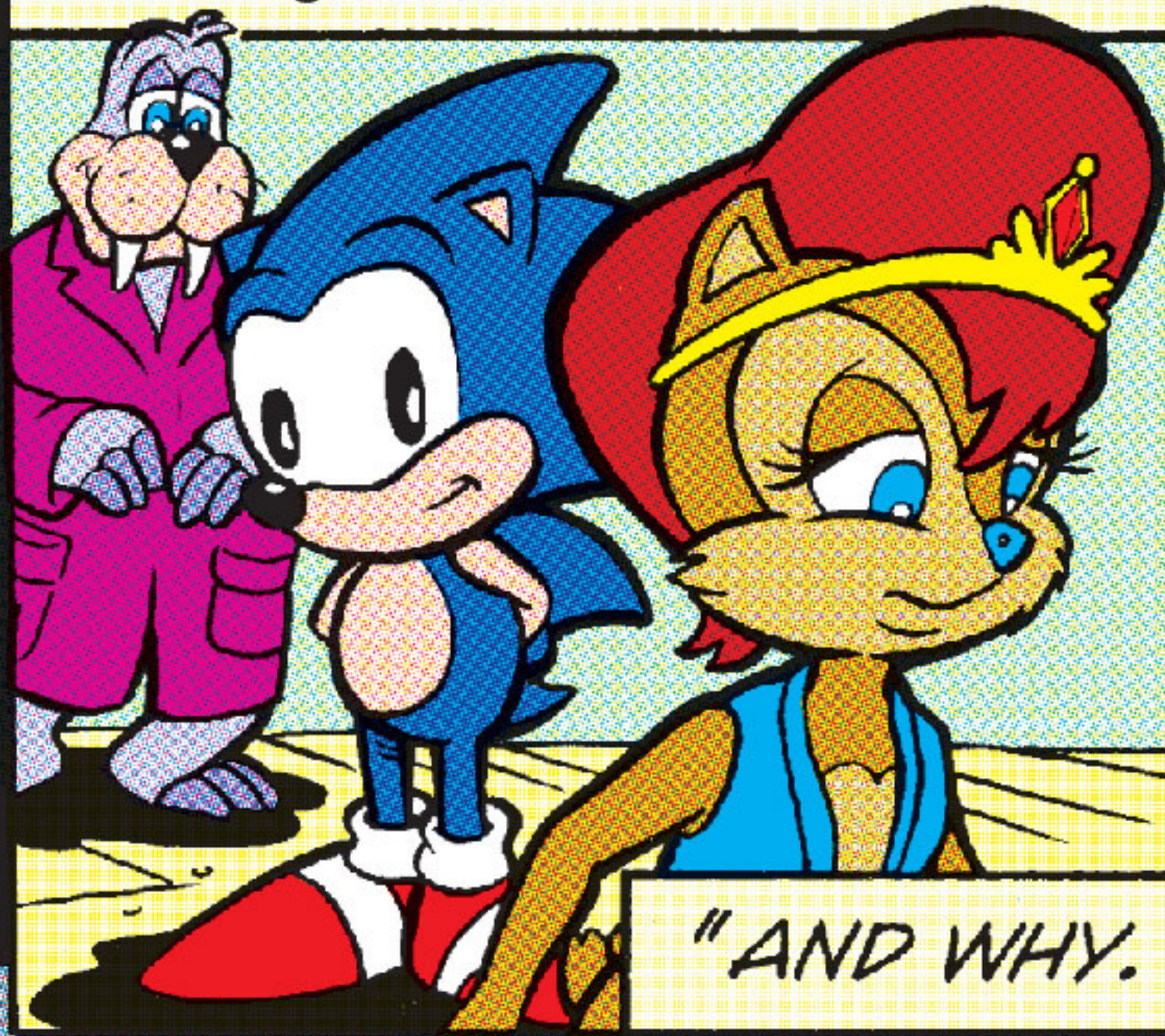
"AND IT WOULD BE LONGER STILL.
ROTOR HAD SPENT YEARS STRIVING TO
RECLAIM THE TECHNOLOGY THAT WAS
LOST WHEN NICOLE WAS DESTROYED DURING
THE DECISIVE BATTLE WITH ROBOTNIK. AND
NOW THAT WE'RE FINALLY TOGETHER AGAIN..."



"...I MUST ONCE MORE
SAY GOOD-BYE.

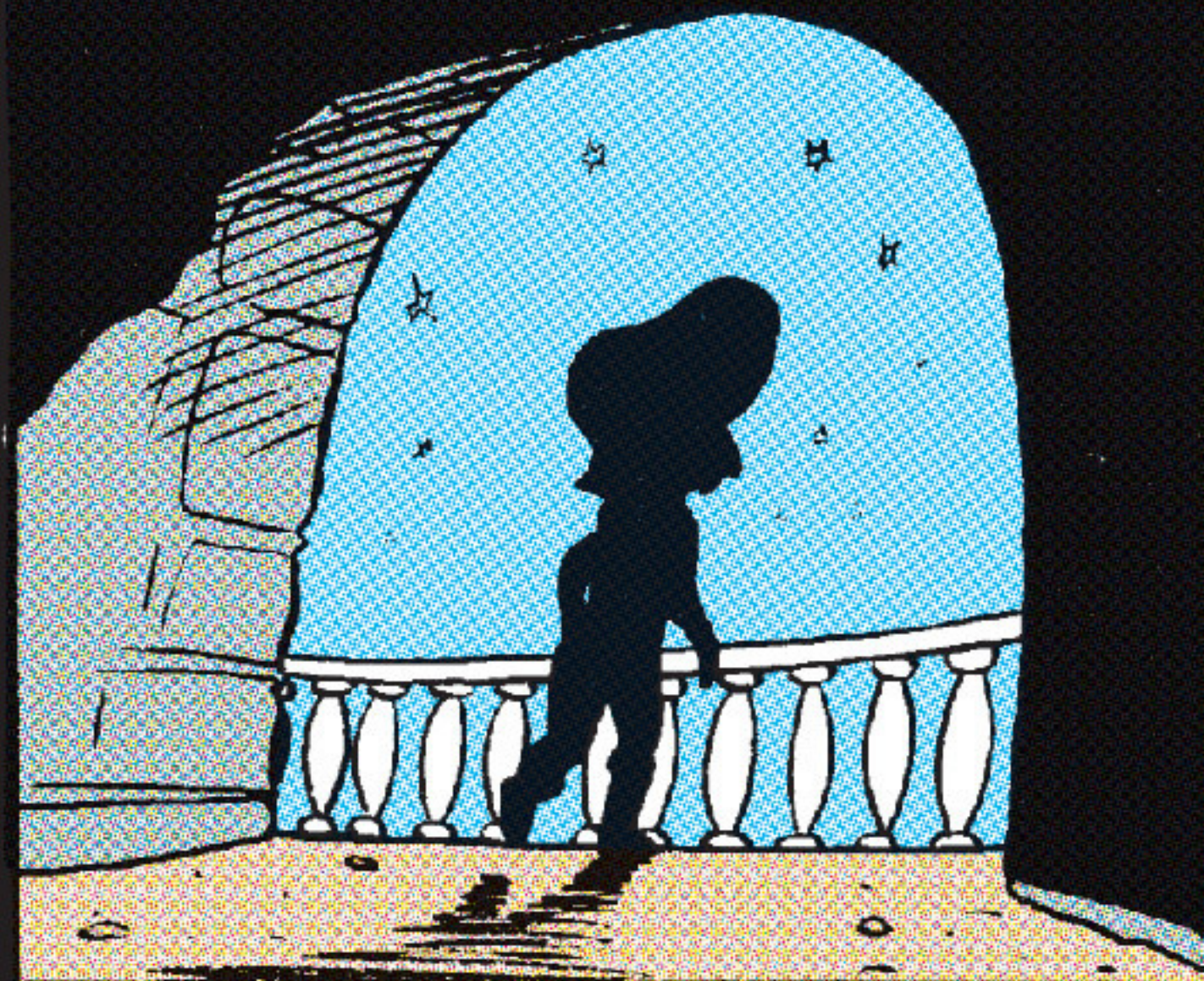


"EVER SINCE THE DIS-
COVERY OF THE TRANS-
TIME PORTAL, I KNEW
WHERE NICOLE HAD
COME FROM.



"AND WHY.

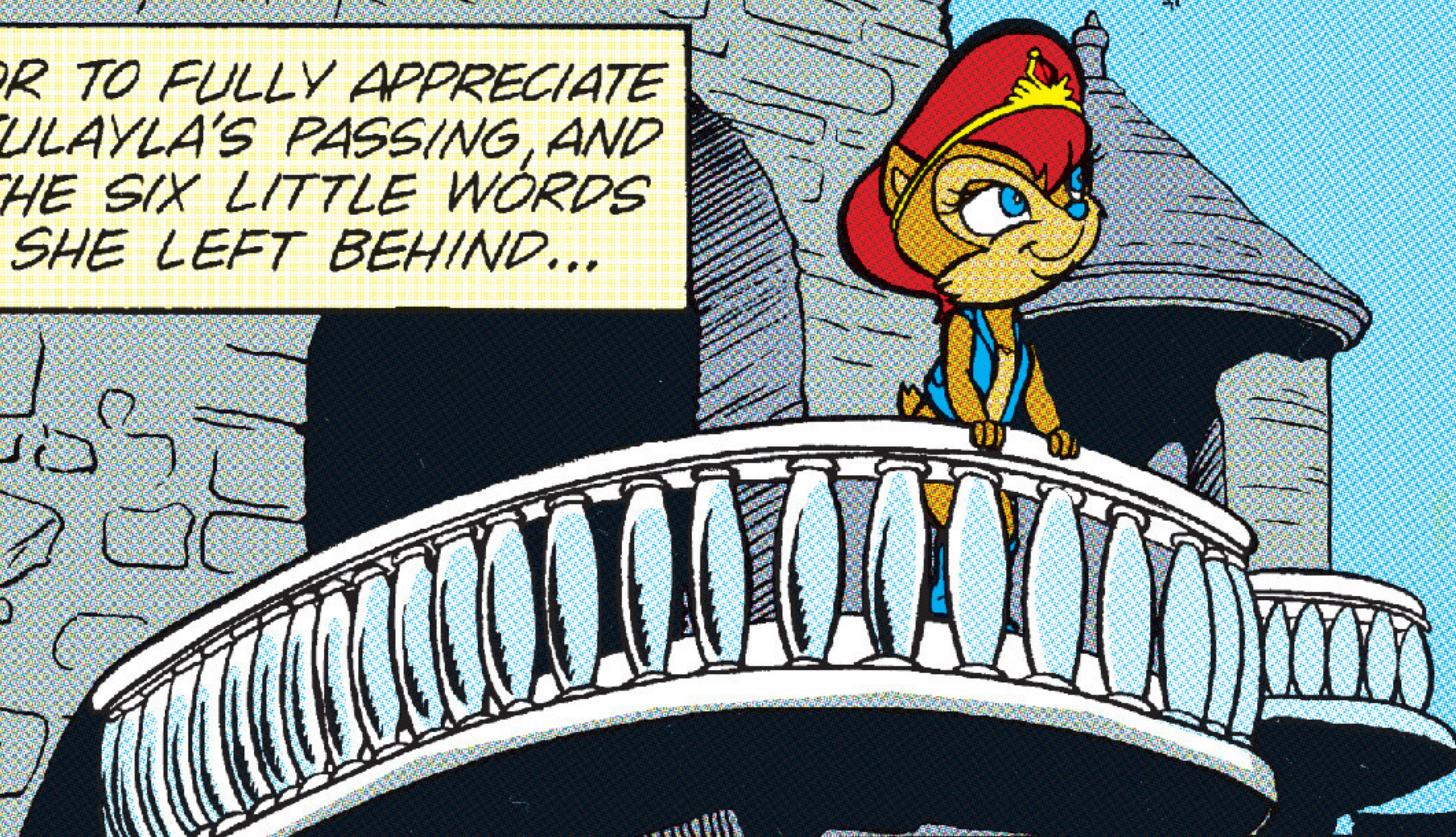
"SHE WAS A GIFT TO
MYSELF, FROM MYSELF..."



"A FRIEND, WHEN I
NEEDED ONE THE MOST.

"WITHOUT HER, I MIGHT NEVER
HAVE LIVED TO SEE THIS DAY..."

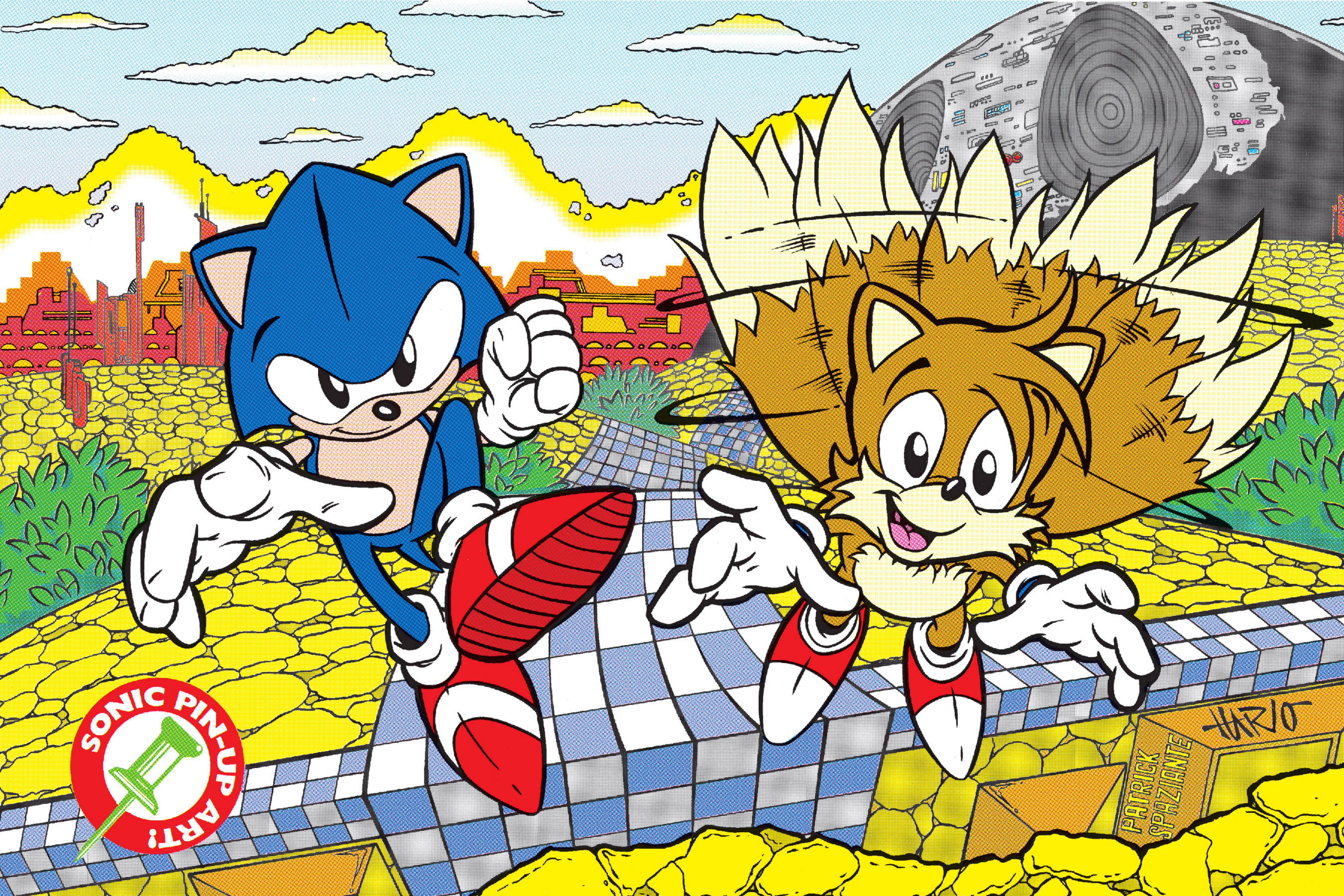
"OR TO FULLY APPRECIATE
JULAYLA'S PASSING, AND
THE SIX LITTLE WORDS
SHE LEFT BEHIND..."



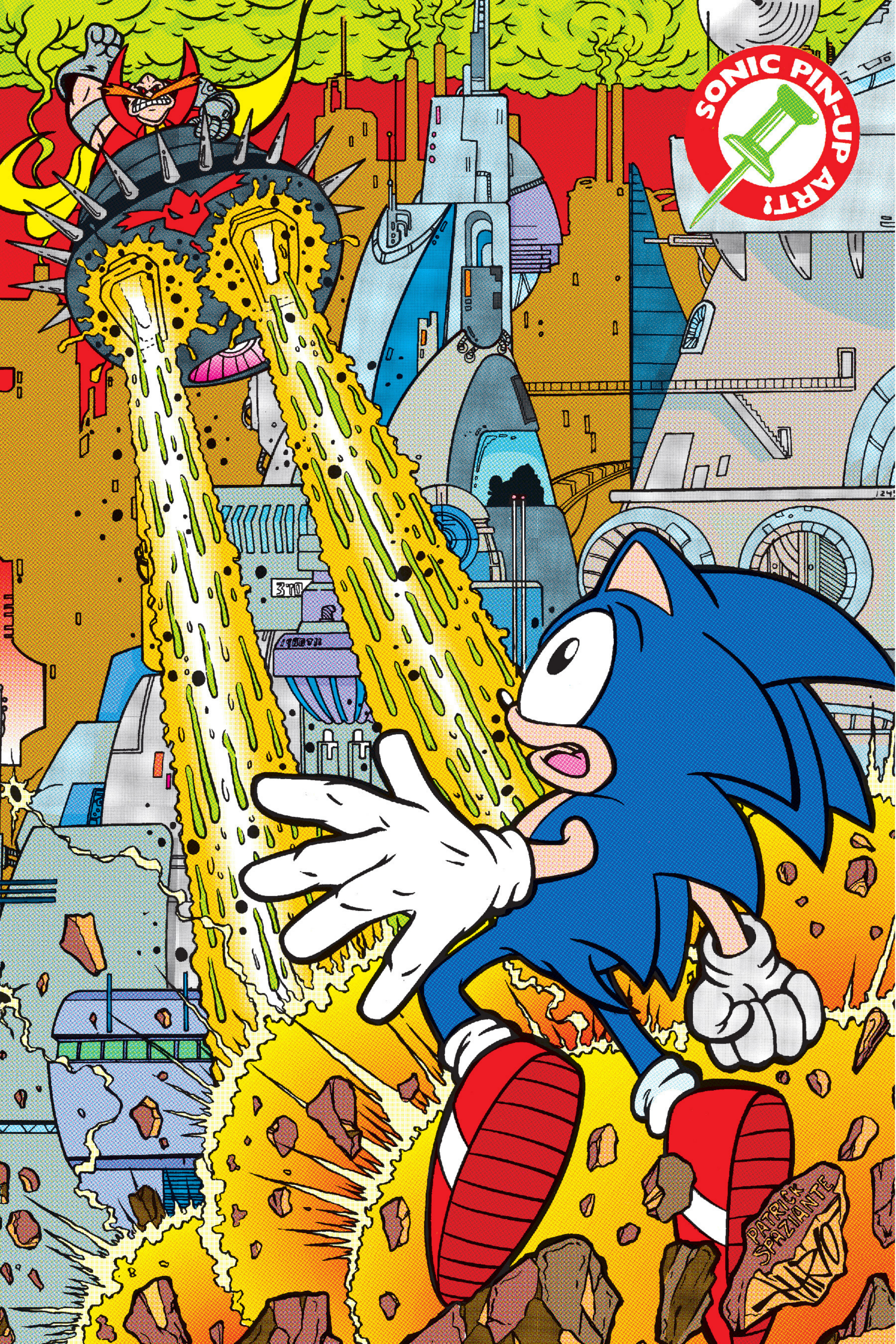
"TO THINE OWN
SELF BE TRUE."



WAIT A MINUTE, SONIC FANS! IS THIS REALLY THE FUTURE OF THE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS, OR JUST ONE OF THE MANY POSSIBLE "FUTURES" OF OUR HEROES?!
KEEP READING FUTURE MONTHLY ISSUES OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG...
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT EXCITING ADVENTURES LAY AHEAD...!



PATRICK SPAZIANTE
HARLO



SONIC PIN-UP ART!

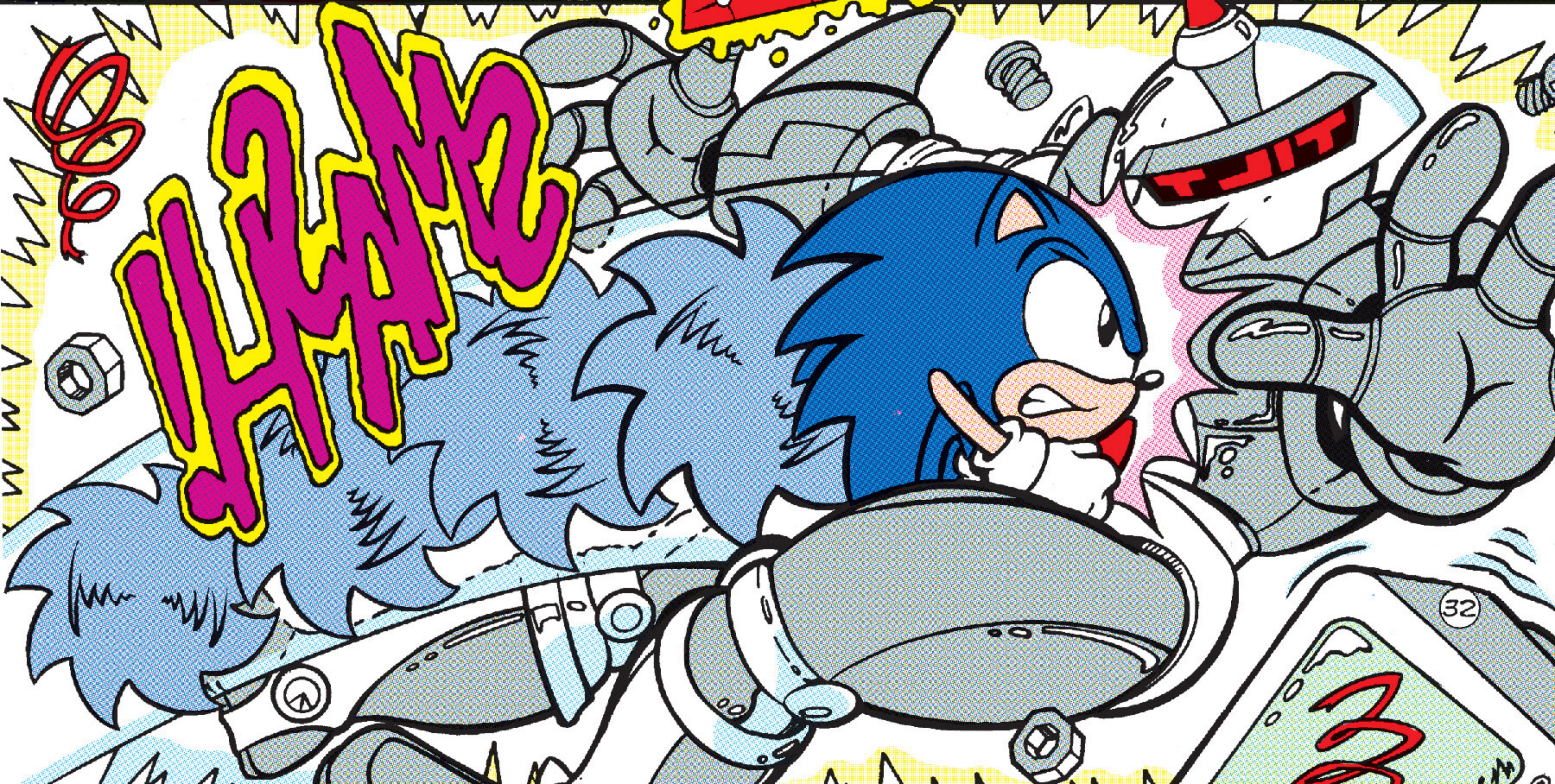
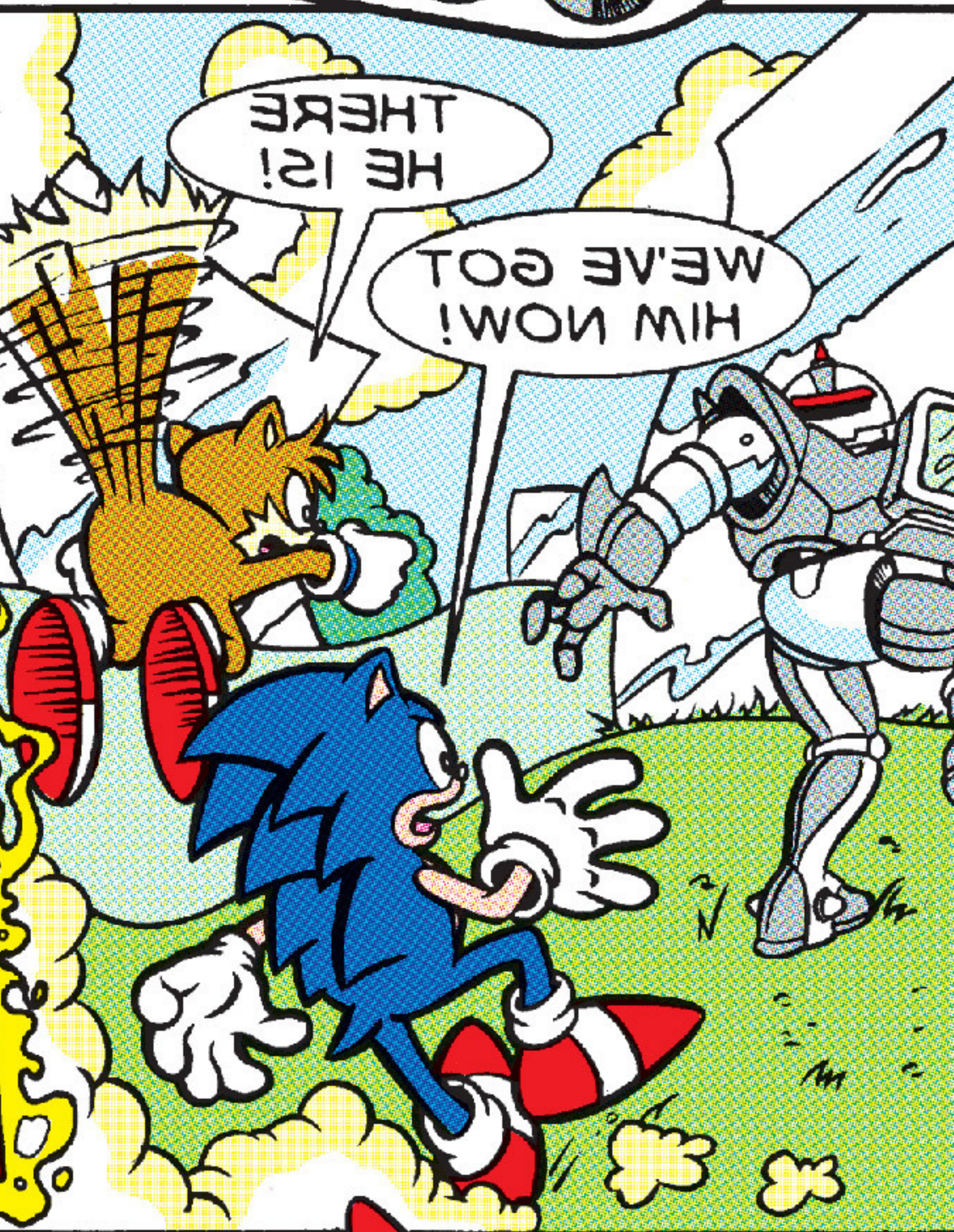
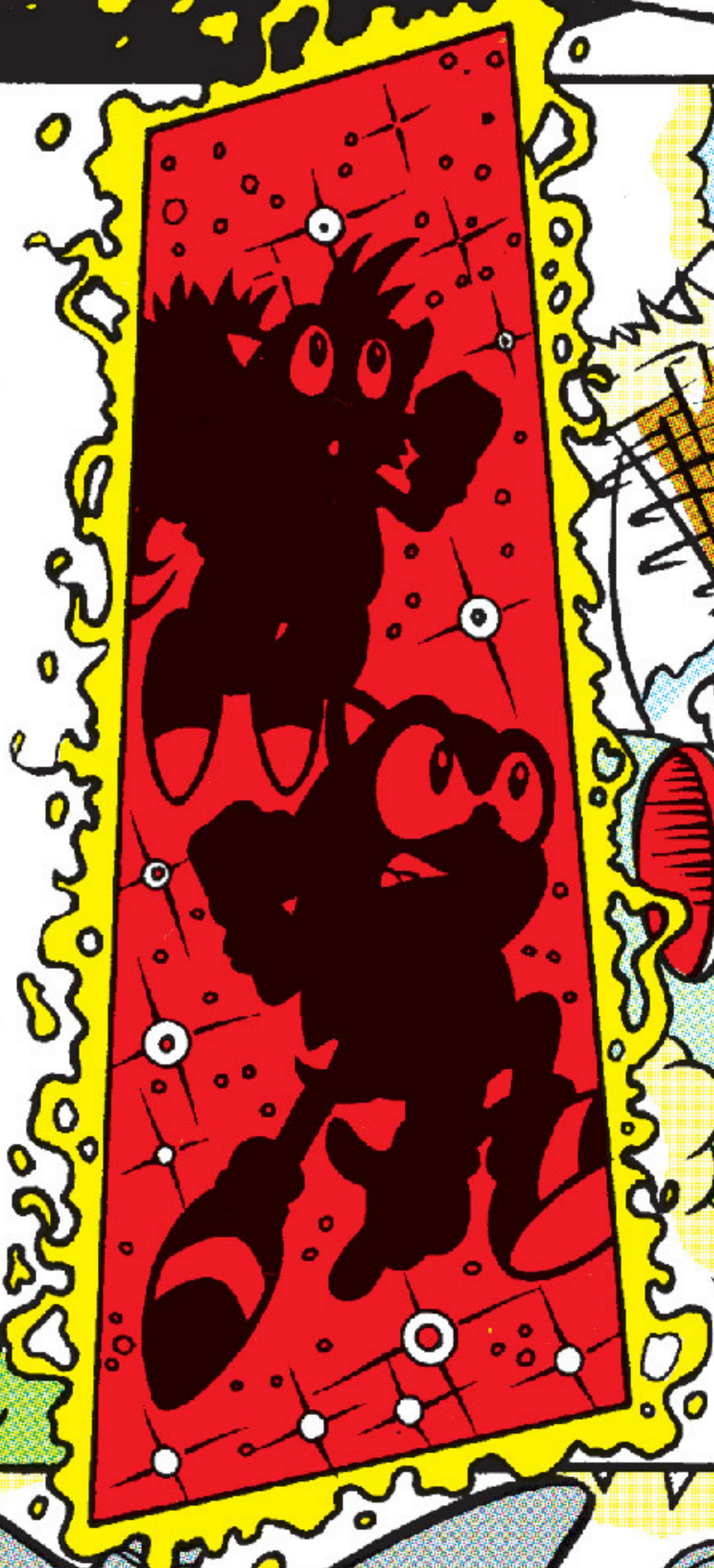
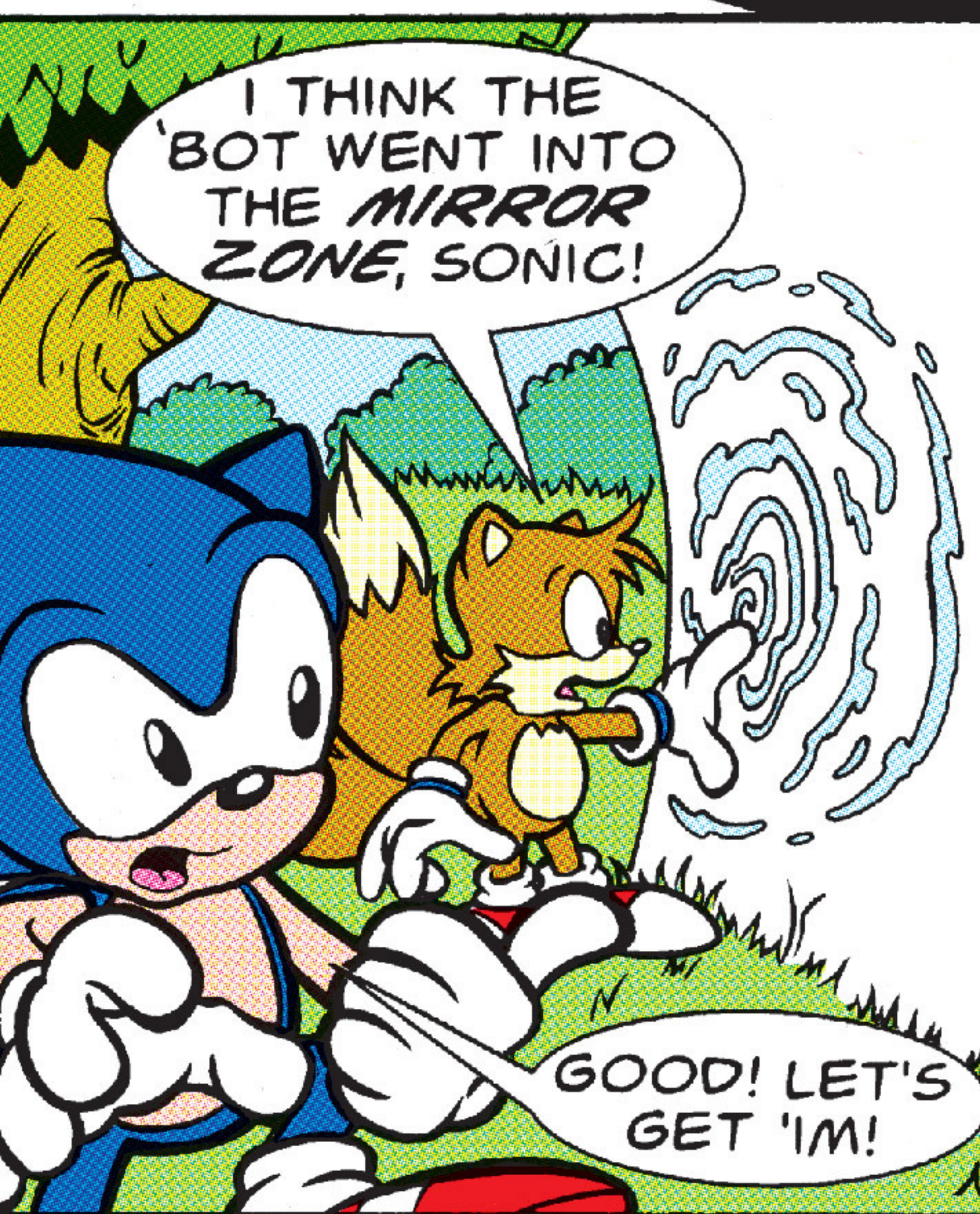
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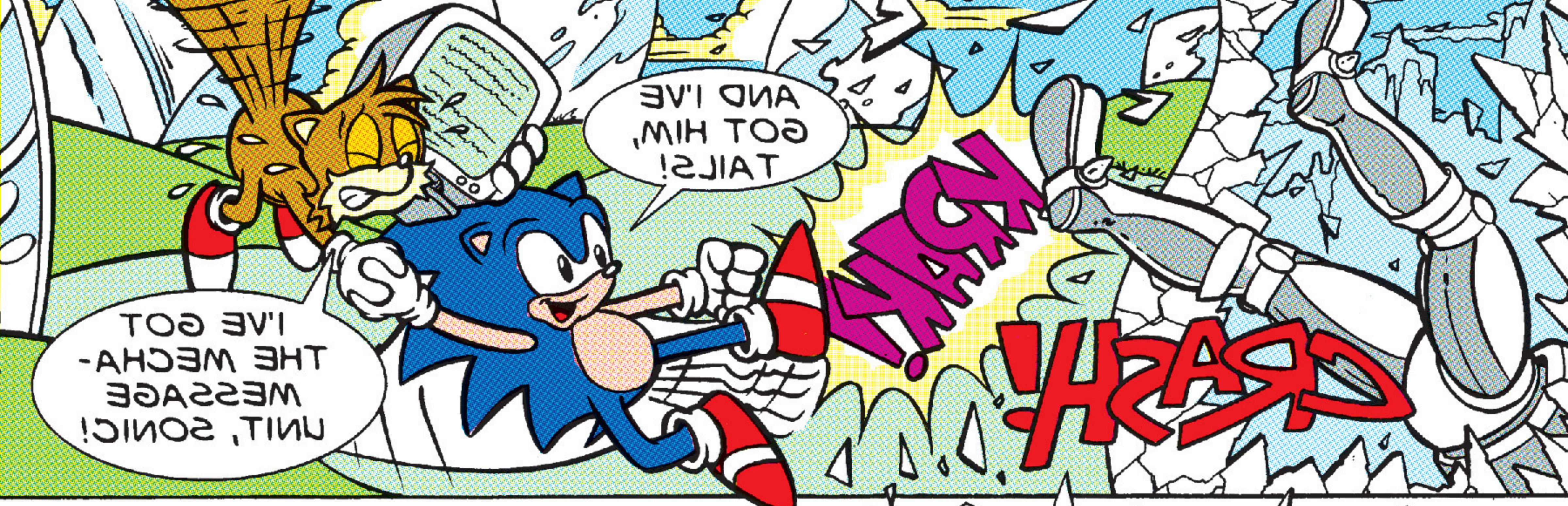
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

"THE MIRROR ZONE"

HEY, SONIC FANS! SONIC AND TAILS ARE PURSUING A SWATBOT WHO IS DELIVERING A TOP-SECRET COMPUTER MESSAGE TO DR. ROBOTNIK! ONCE OUR HEROES ENTER THE MIRROR ZONE, YOU CAN READ THEIR SCRAMBLED WORDS BY HOLDING THESE STORY PAGES UP TO A MIRROR!

HAVE FUN!





UNIT, SONIC!
MESSAGE
THE MECHA-
I'VE GOT

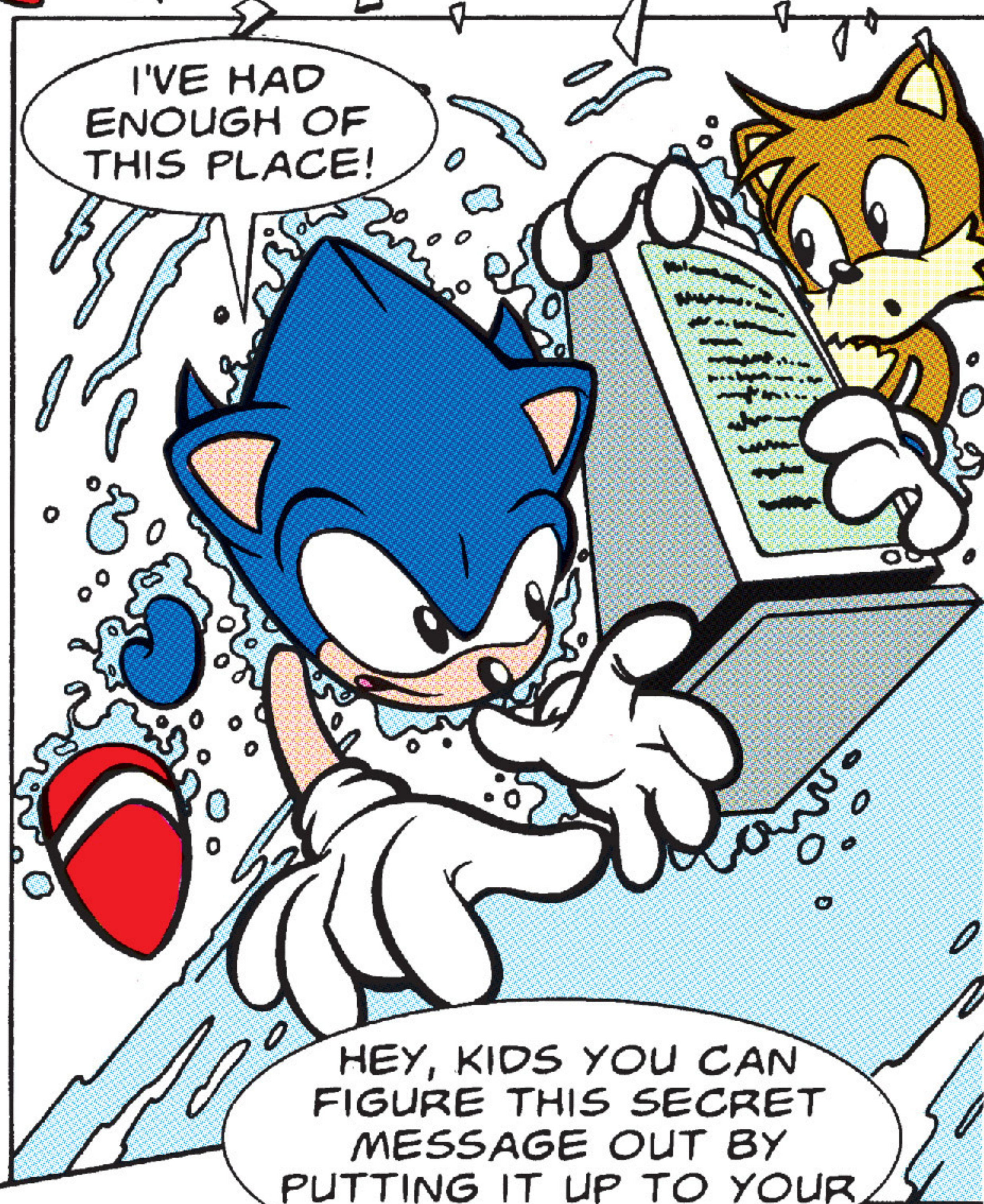
AND I'VE
GOT HIM,
TAILS!

CRASH!



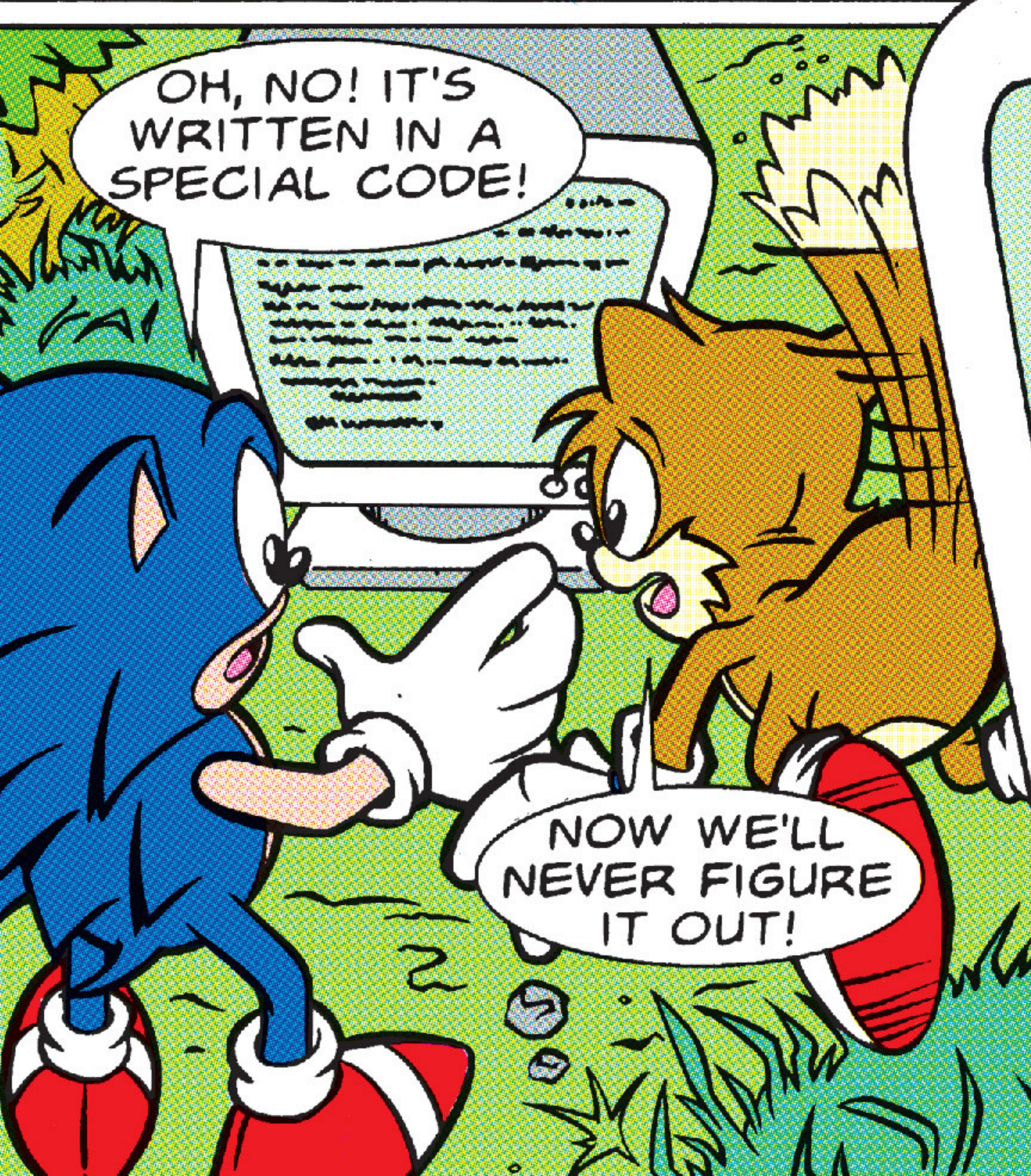
MESSAGE SAYS!
THE SECRET
LET'S SEE WHAT
HEY, SONIC!

OUTSIDE!
WE'LL READ IT
BE LOOKING FOR IT!
ROBOTNIK'S GONNA
NO TIME, TAILS!



I'VE HAD
ENOUGH OF
THIS PLACE!

HEY, KIDS YOU CAN
FIGURE THIS SECRET
MESSAGE OUT BY
PUTTING IT UP TO YOUR
MIRROR AGAIN!



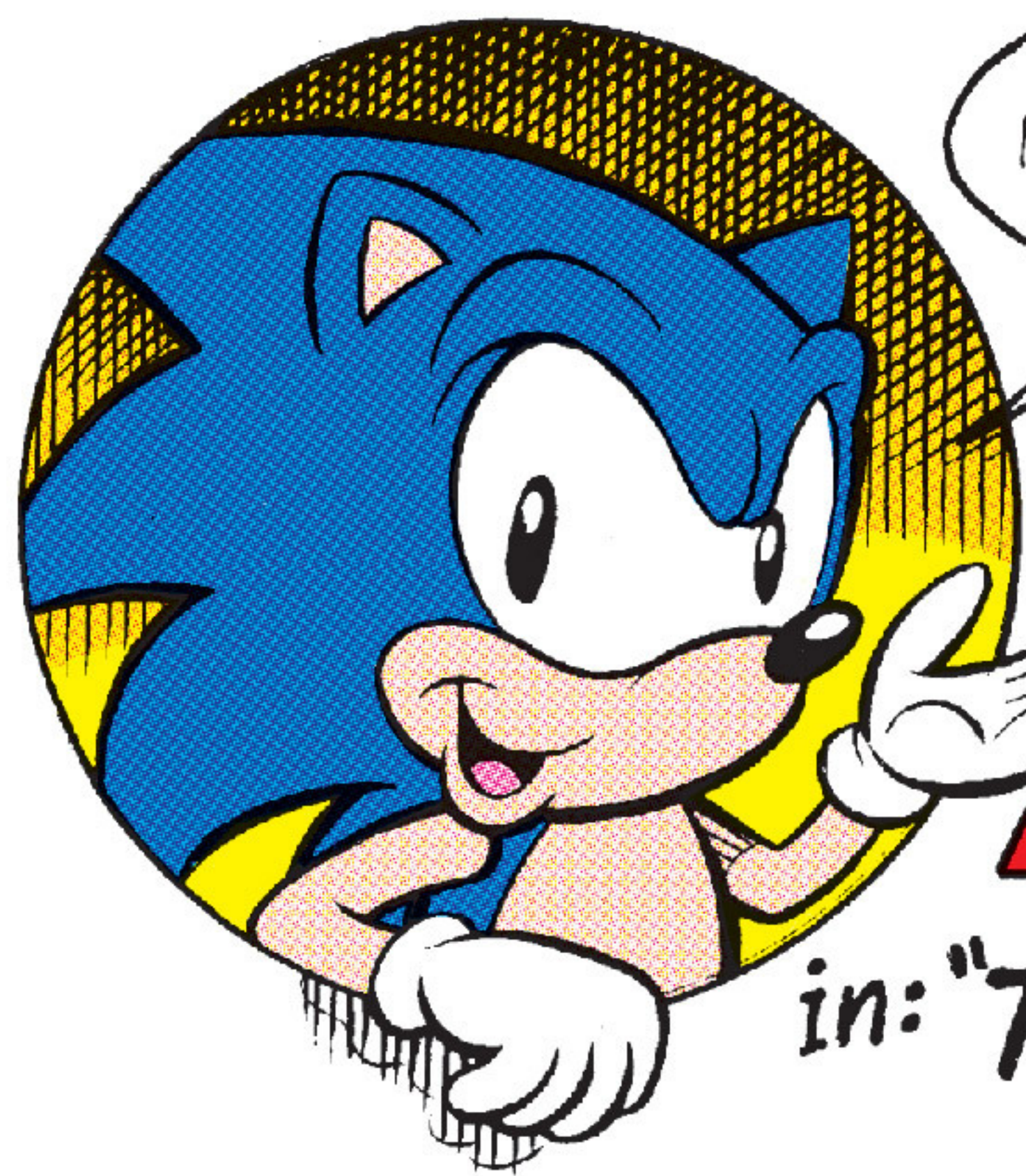
OH, NO! IT'S
WRITTEN IN A
SPECIAL CODE!

NOW WE'LL
NEVER FIGURE
IT OUT!



THE NO ROOM, ROOM
FROM THE 2'0HW, JAW
MEHT TO TNAAT JIVE
ISJA
T23BMUD THE 2'0HW ONA...
HEBODH OF THEM ALL
FAST A7 T2A7 2A T2A7
IEM T2A730 A7EVEN J'UOY
TA ANIHOOJ 2'3A3H
I3IND2, UOY

HINTO80A OUI



PRESENTING,
IN HIS VERY FIRST
SOLO STORY...

SONIC'S PAL **TAILS**

in: "TAILS' TALLEST TALE"

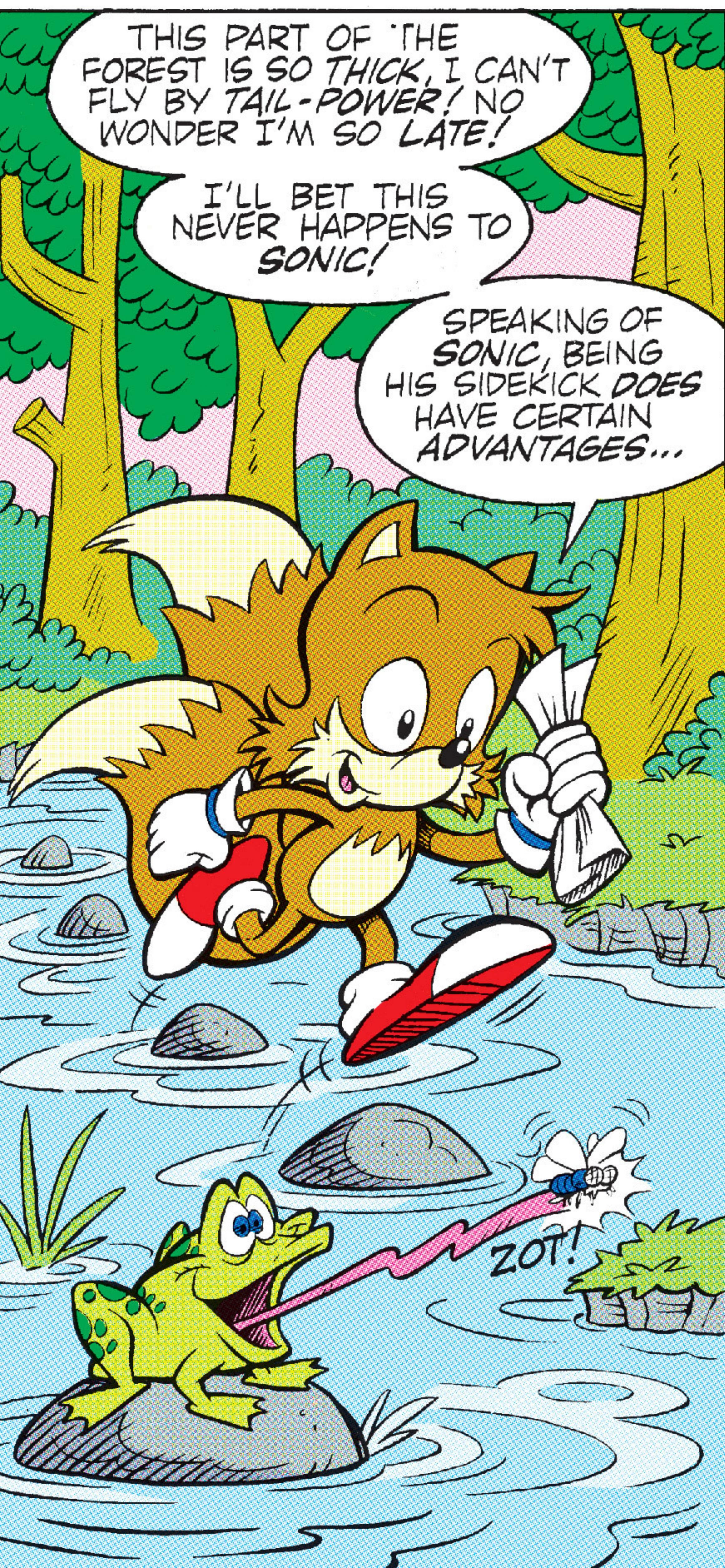


HEY, NICE
LOGO!

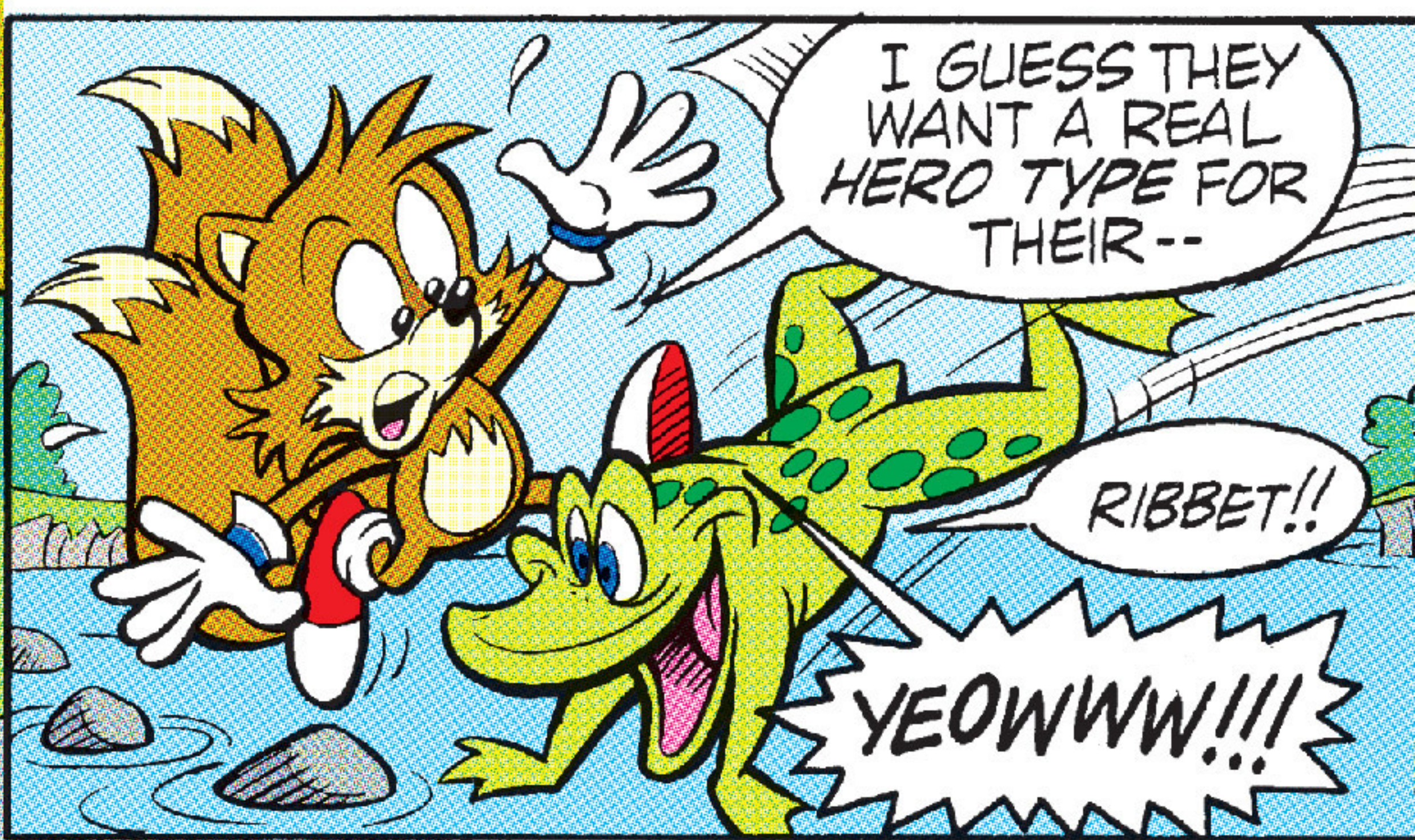
THIS PART OF THE
FOREST IS SO THICK, I CAN'T
FLY BY TAIL-POWER! NO
WONDER I'M SO LATE!

I'LL BET THIS
NEVER HAPPENS TO
SONIC!

SPEAKING OF
SONIC, BEING
HIS SIDEKICK DOES
HAVE CERTAIN
ADVANTAGES...



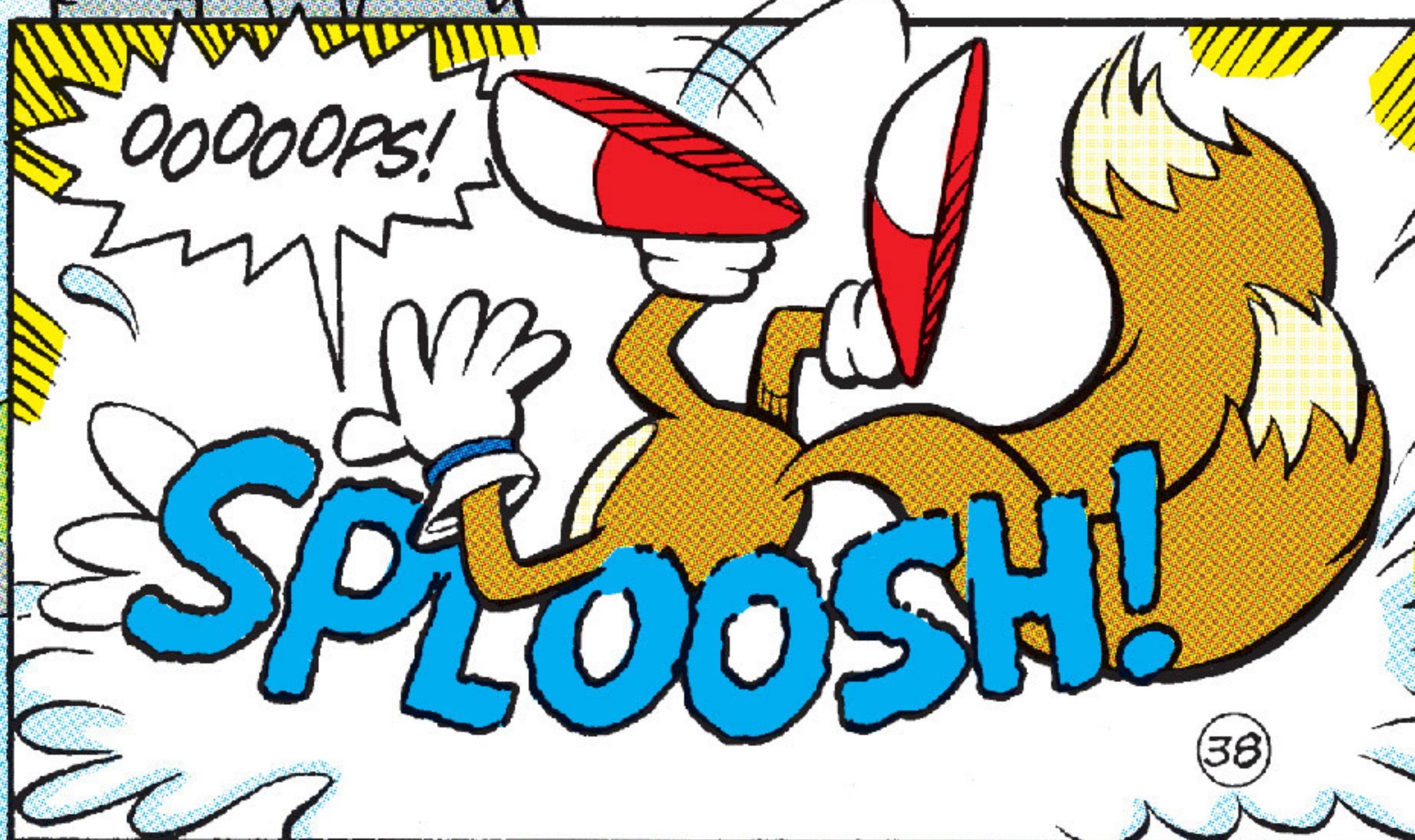
... LIKE
GETTING INVITED
TO BE THE
SPECIAL GUEST
OF THE LOCAL
SONIC FAN
CLUB'S BIG
CONVENTION!



I GUESS THEY
WANT A REAL
HERO TYPE FOR
THEIR--

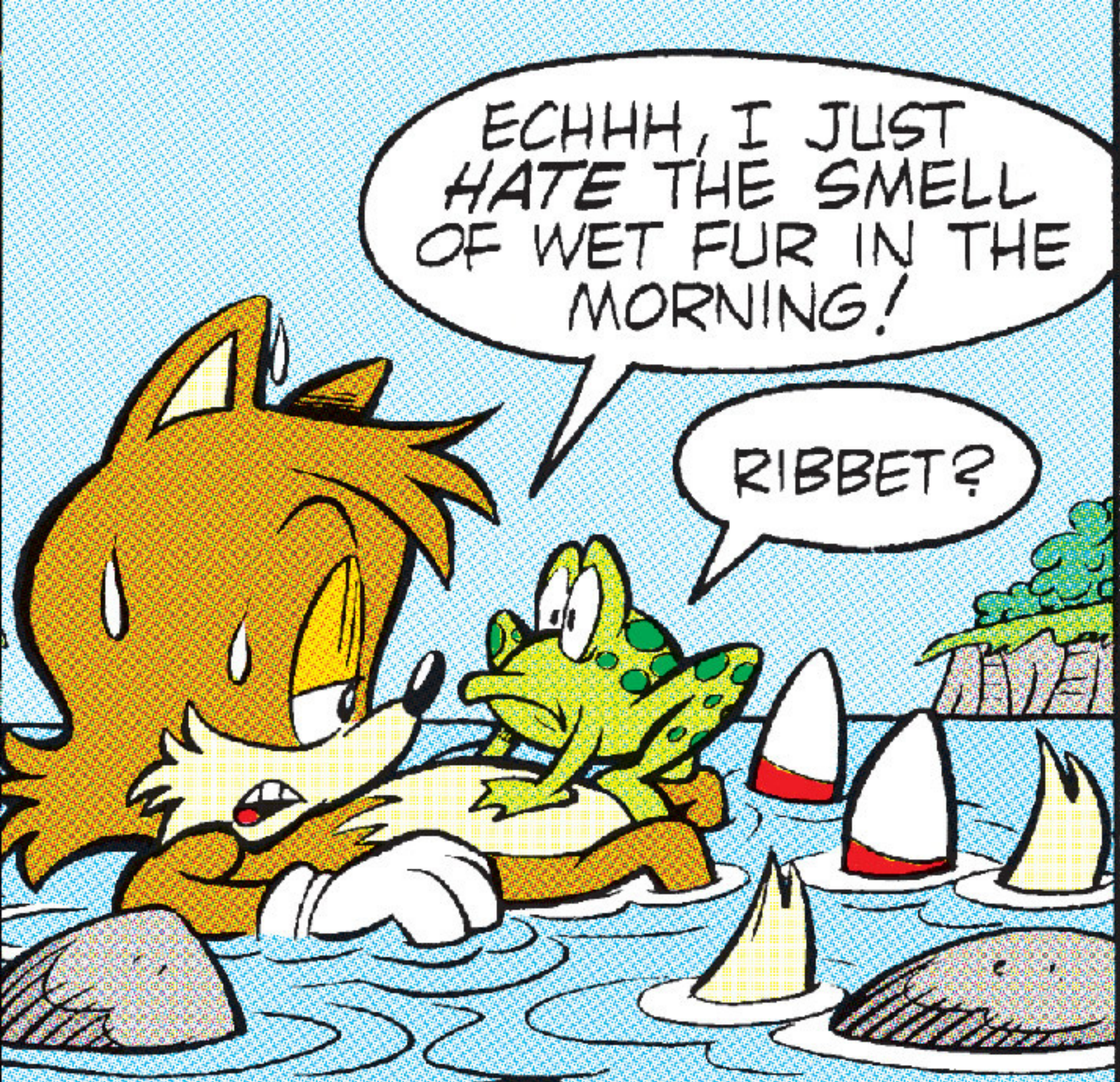
RIBBET!!

YEOWWW!!!



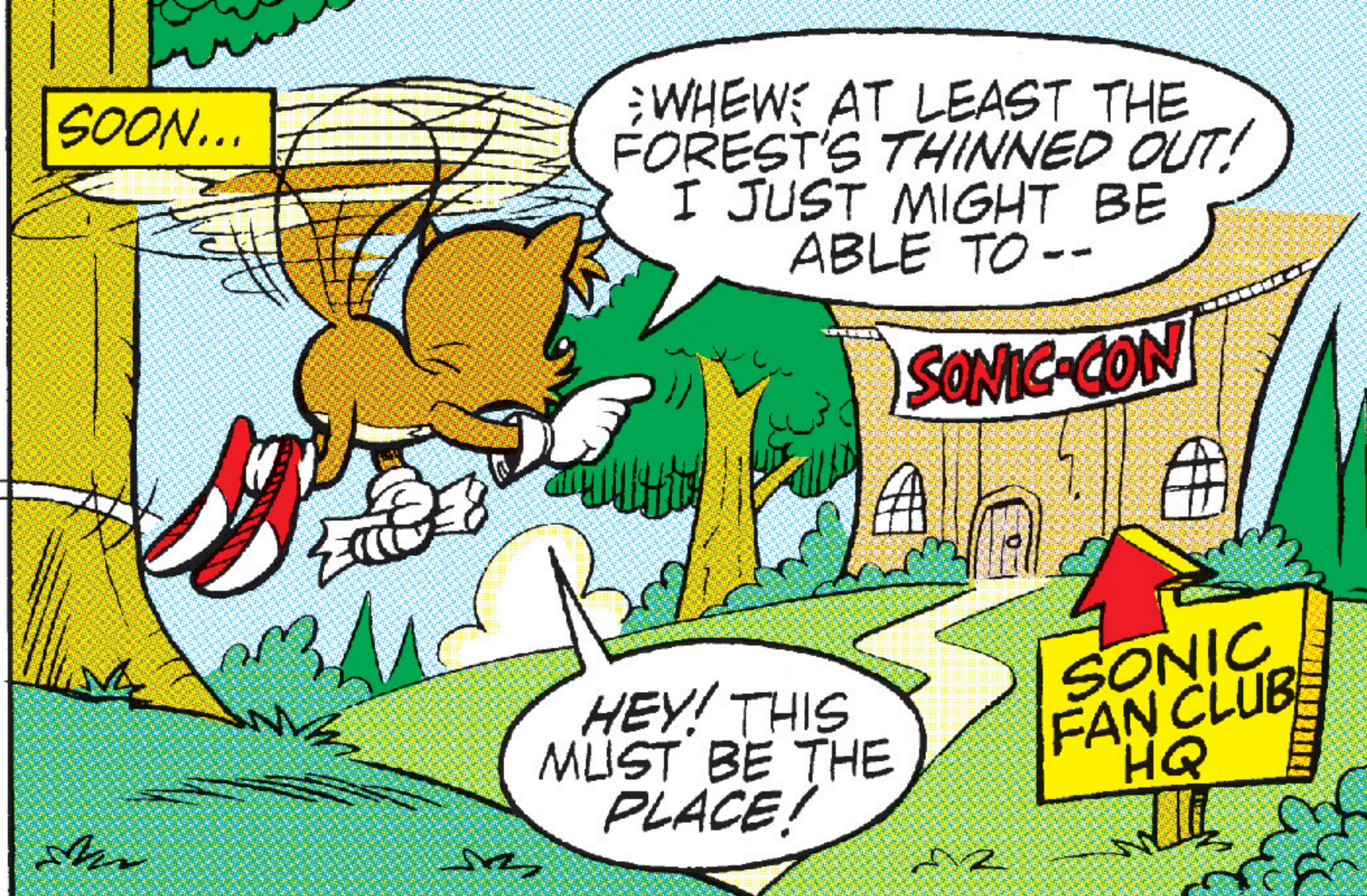
OOOOOPS!

SPLOOSH!



ECHHH, I JUST HATE THE SMELL OF WET FUR IN THE MORNING!

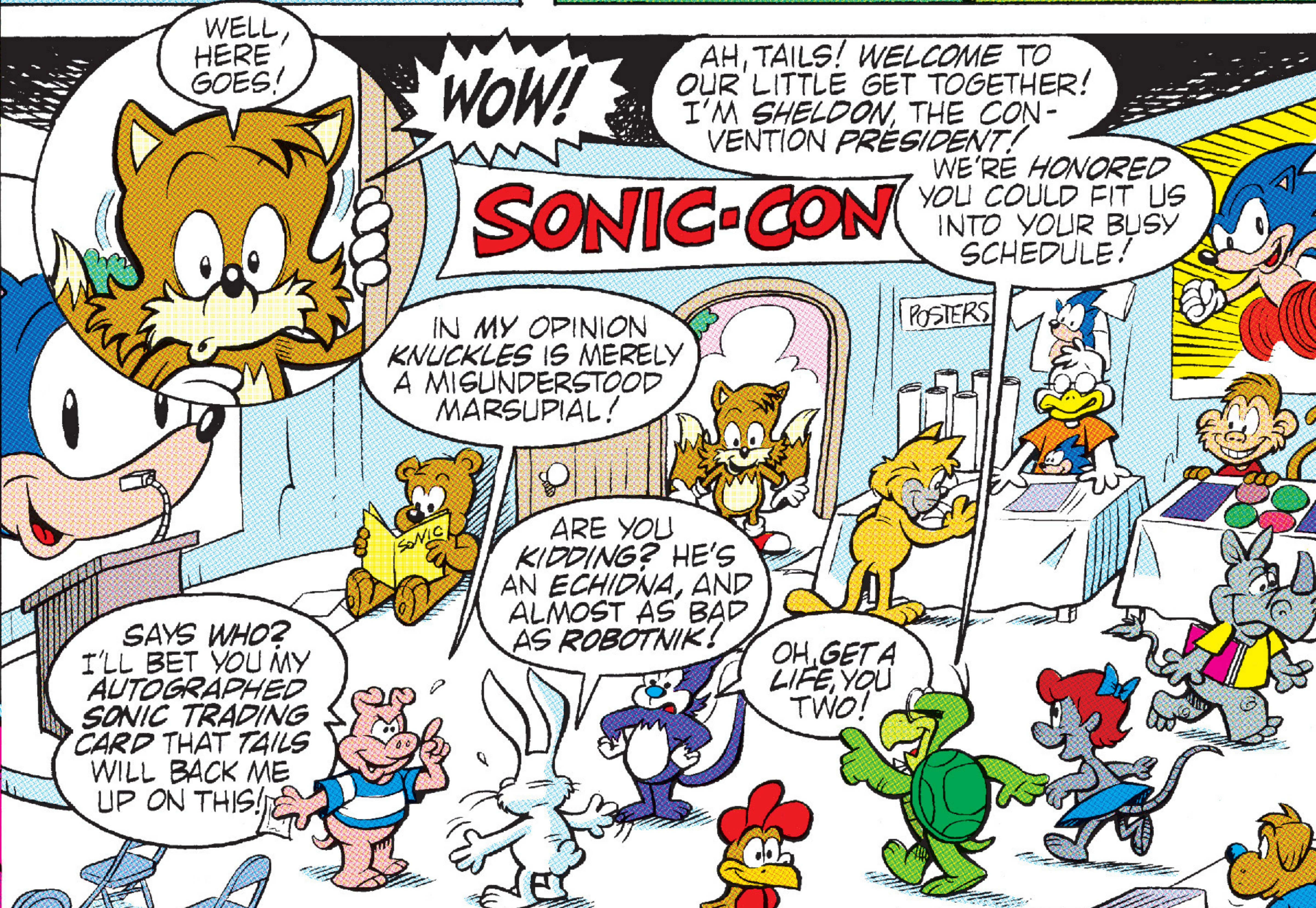
RIBBET?



SOON...

WHEW! AT LEAST THE FOREST'S THINNED OUT! I JUST MIGHT BE ABLE TO --

HEY! THIS MUST BE THE PLACE!



WELL, HERE GOES!

WOW!

AH, TAILS! WELCOME TO OUR LITTLE GET TOGETHER! I'M SHELDON, THE CONVENTION PRESIDENT!

SONIC-CON

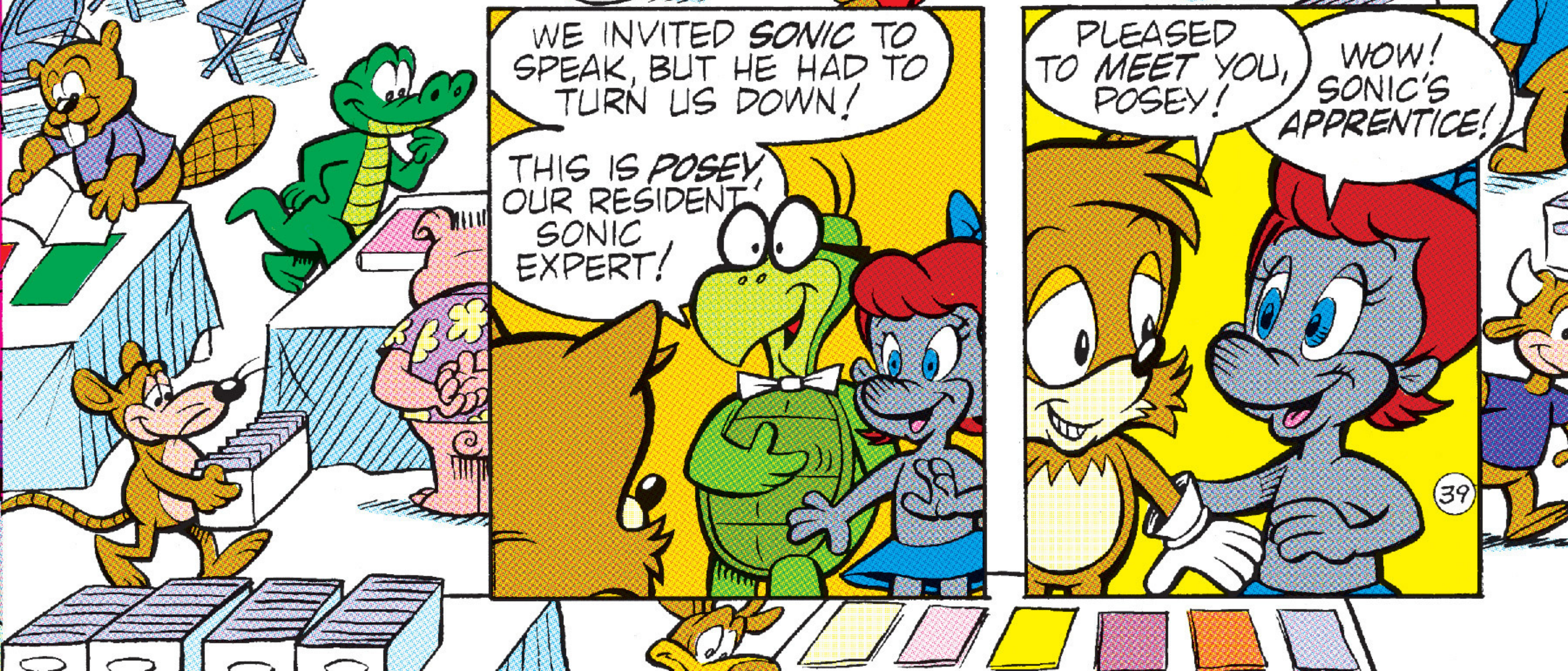
WE'RE HONORED YOU COULD FIT US INTO YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE!

IN MY OPINION KNUCKLES IS MERELY A MISUNDERSTOOD MARSUPIAL!

ARE YOU KIDDING? HE'S AN ECHIDNA, AND ALMOST AS BAD AS ROBOTNIK!

OH, GET A LIFE, YOU TWO!

SAYS WHO? I'LL BET YOU MY AUTOGRAPHED SONIC TRADING CARD THAT TAILS WILL BACK ME UP ON THIS!

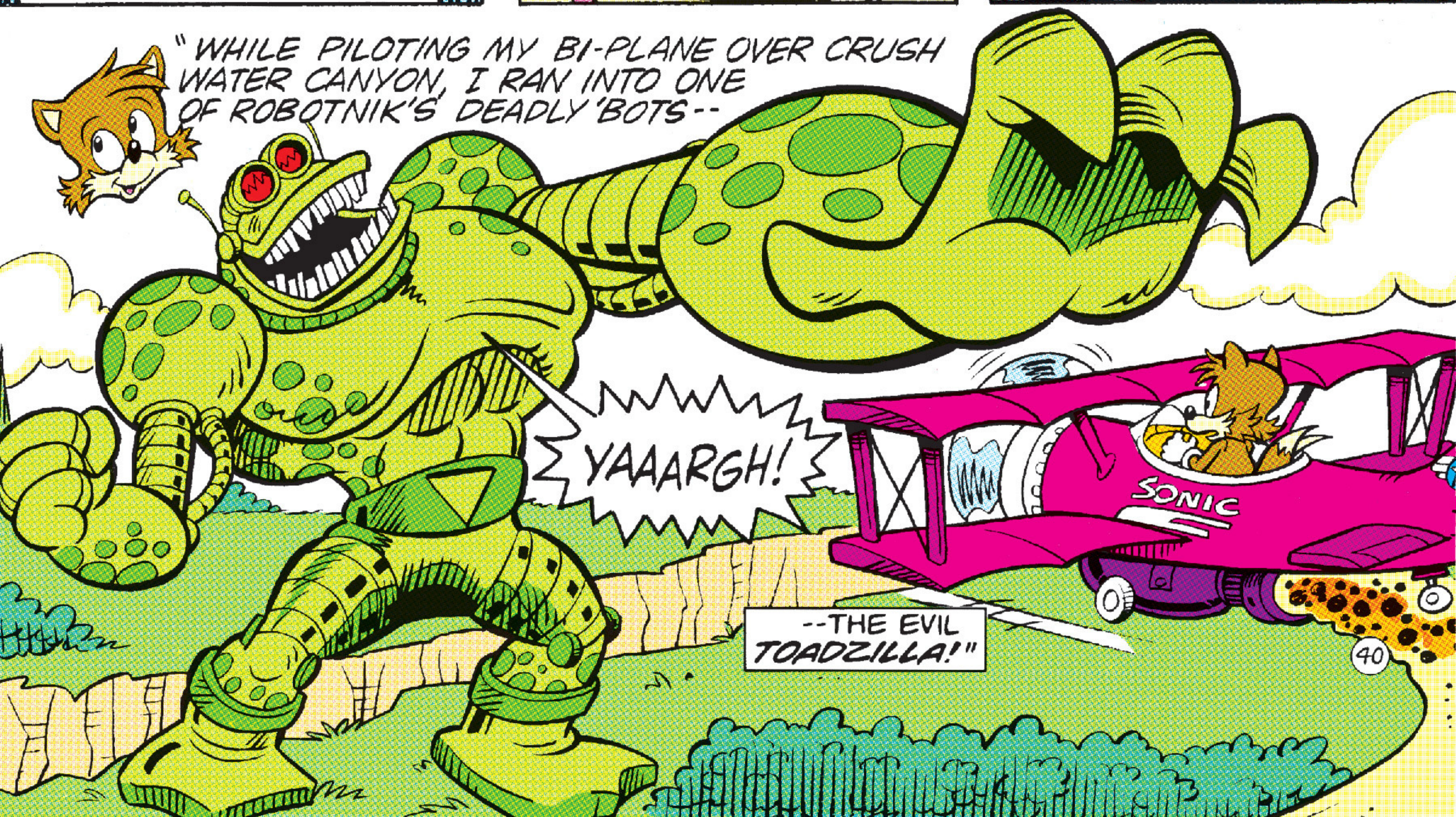
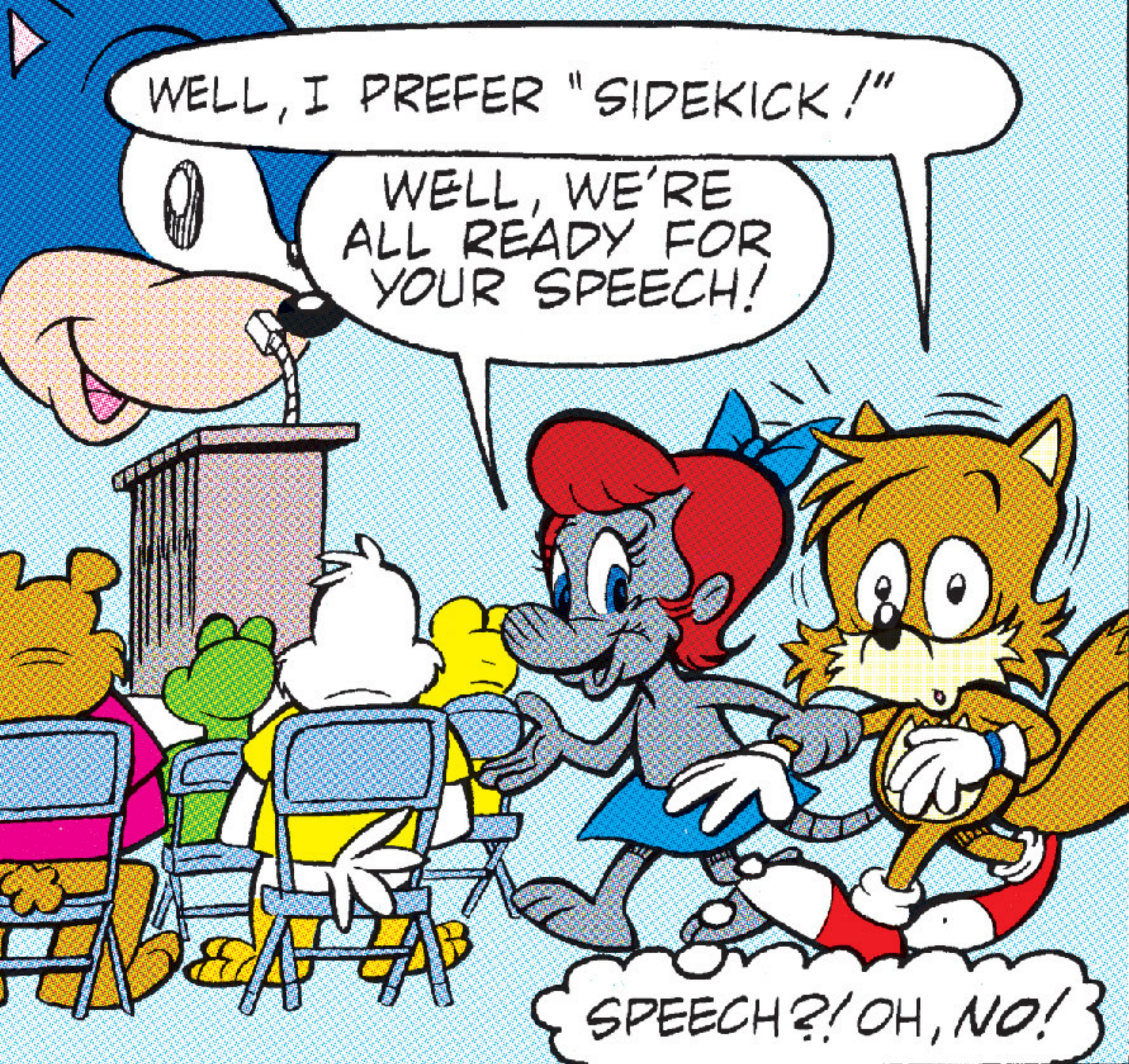


WE INVITED SONIC TO SPEAK, BUT HE HAD TO TURN US DOWN!

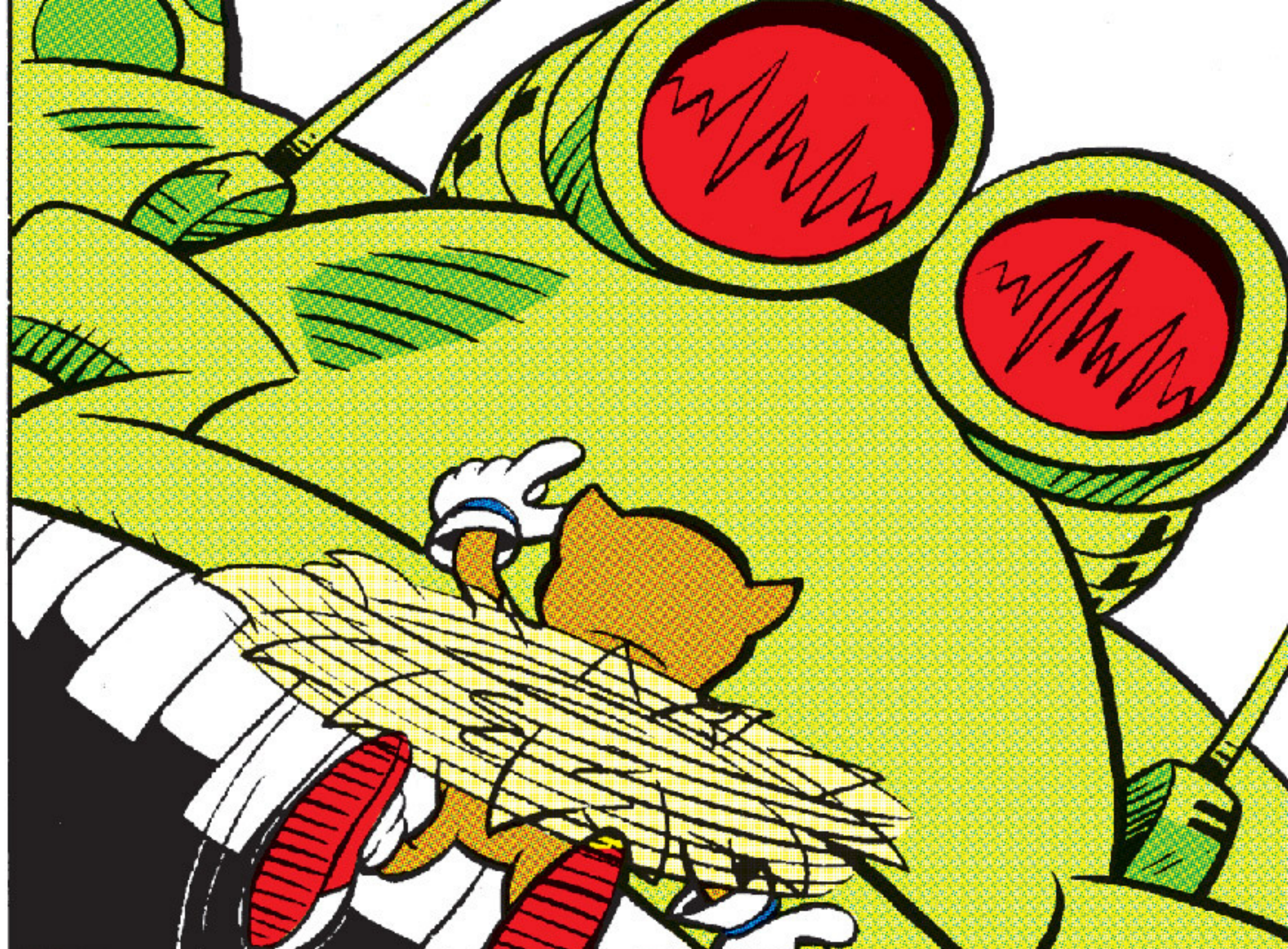
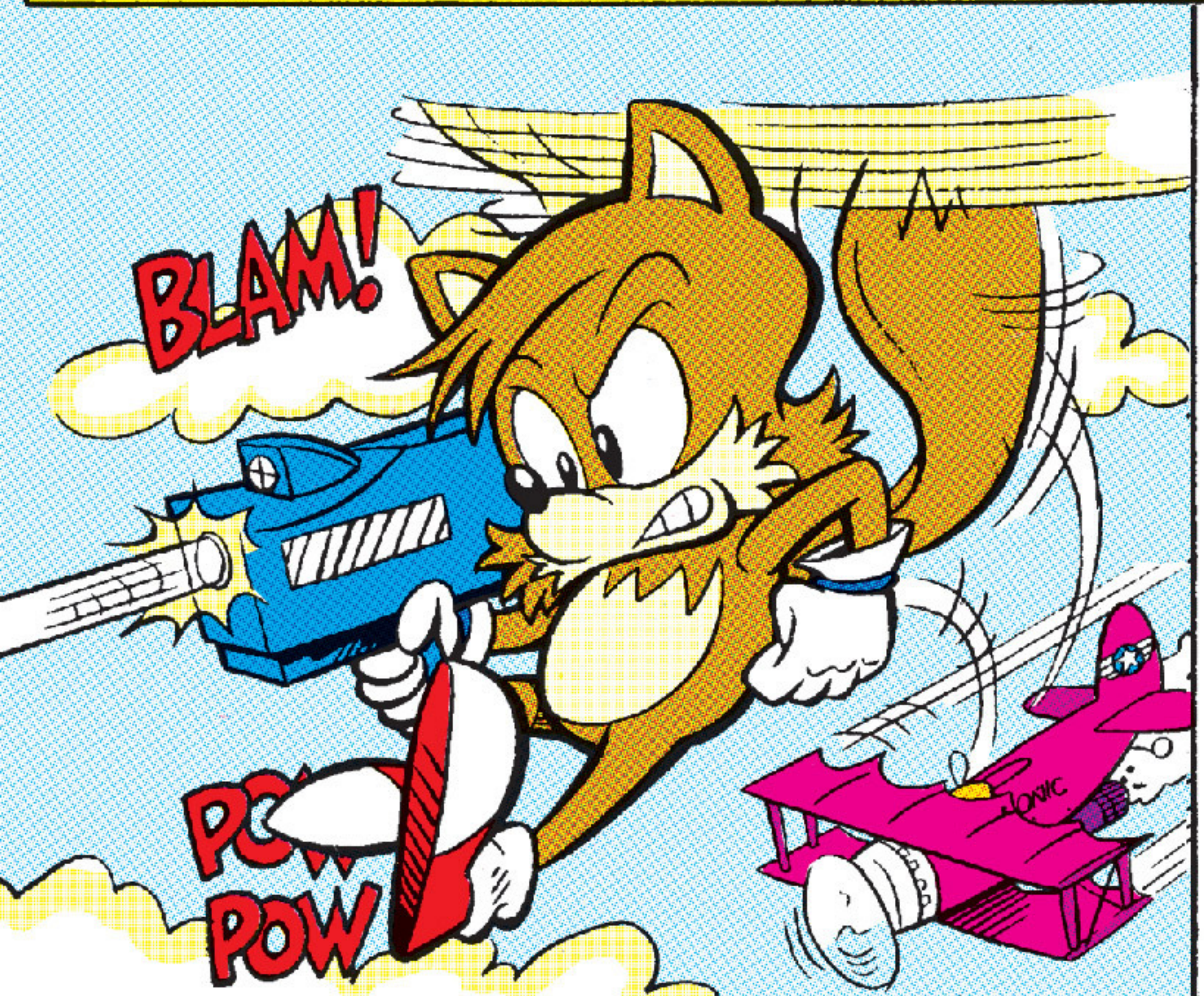
THIS IS POSEY, OUR RESIDENT SONIC EXPERT!

PLEASSED TO MEET YOU, POSEY!

WOW! SONIC'S APPRENTICE!

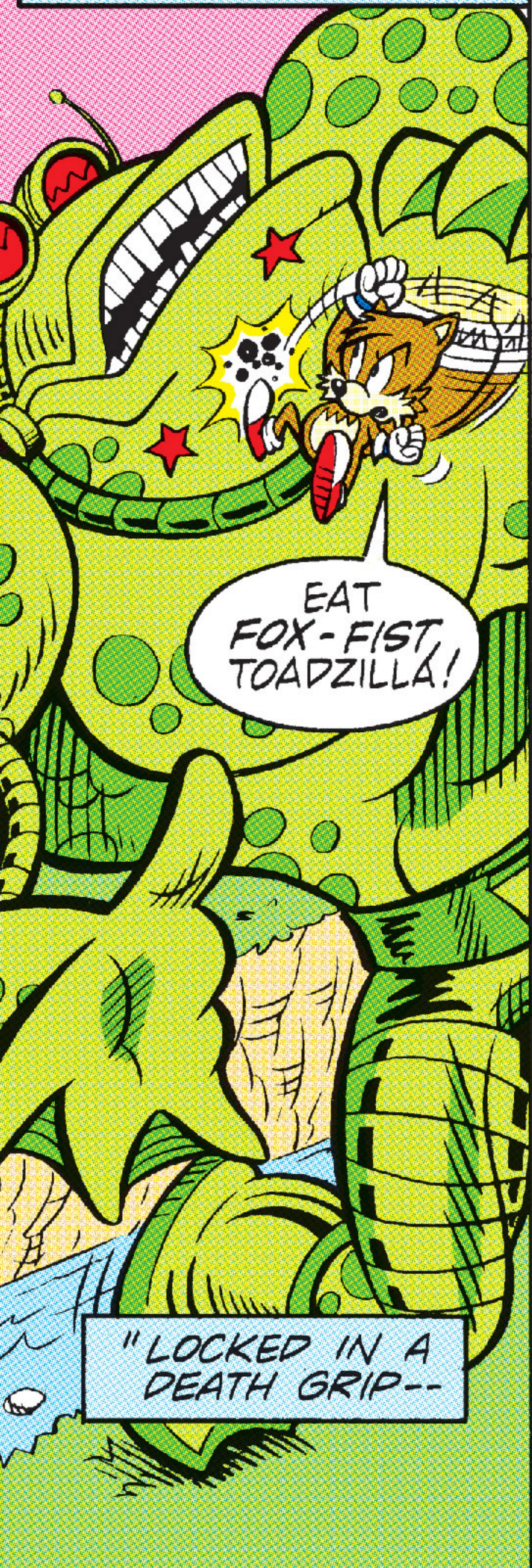


"I LEAPT FROM MY PLANE IN A LAST MINUTE EFFORT TO DEMOLISH THE GIANT!"



"EXHAUSTING MY AMMO, I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT DIRECTLY-- FOX TO TOAD!"

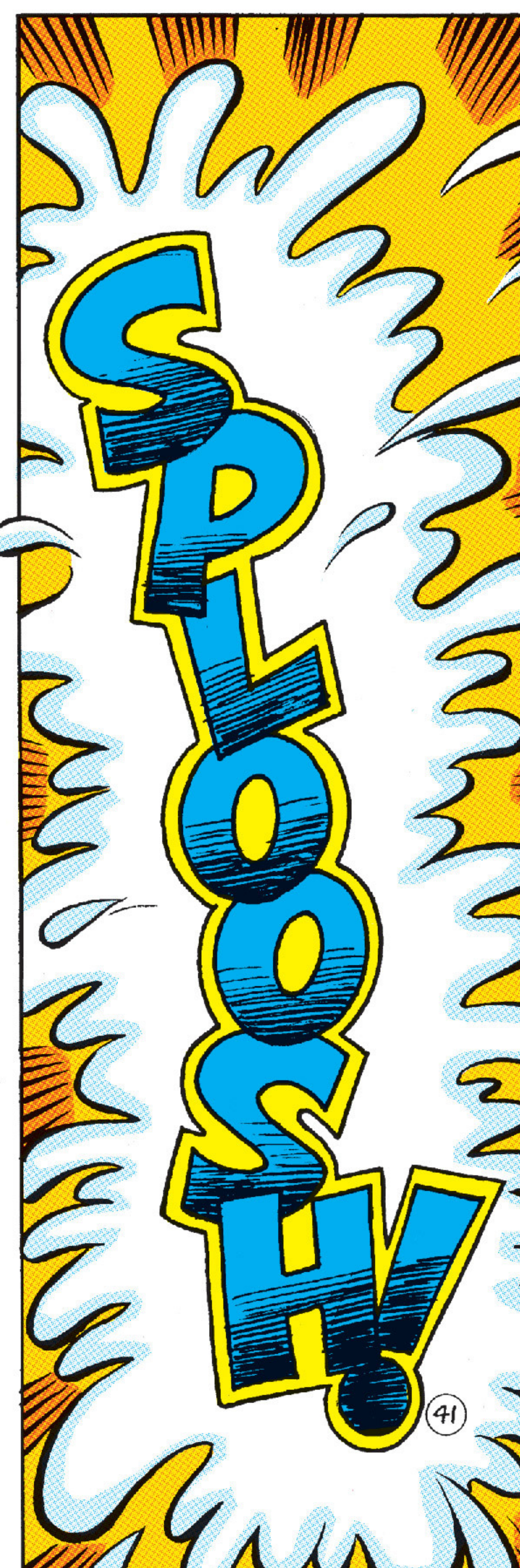
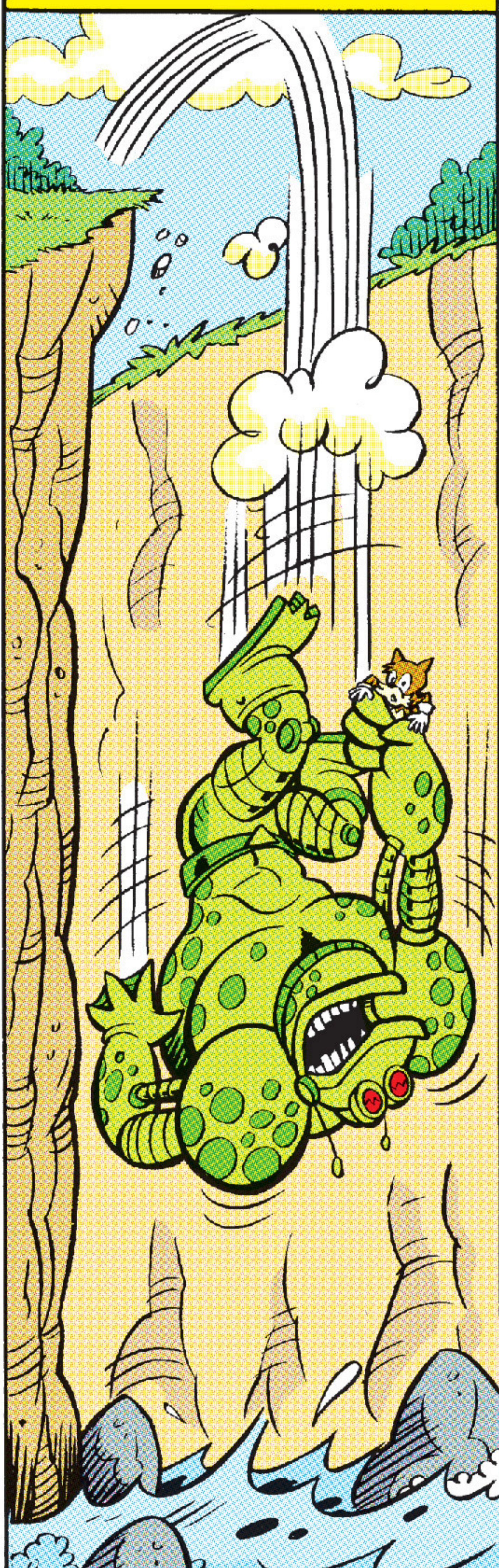
"I DEALT A MIGHTY BLOW, AND JUST THEN, THE CLIFF COLLAPSED!"

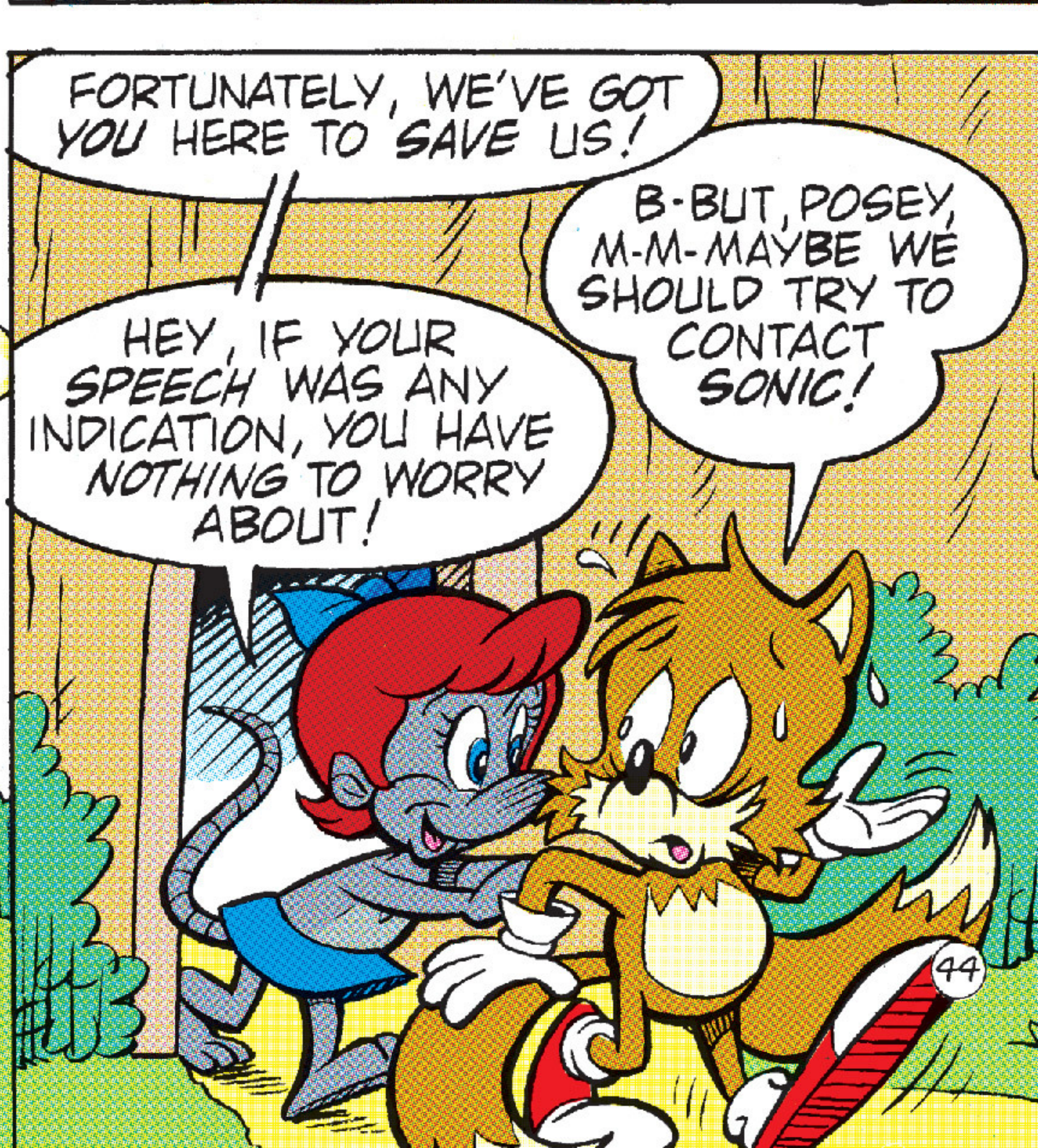
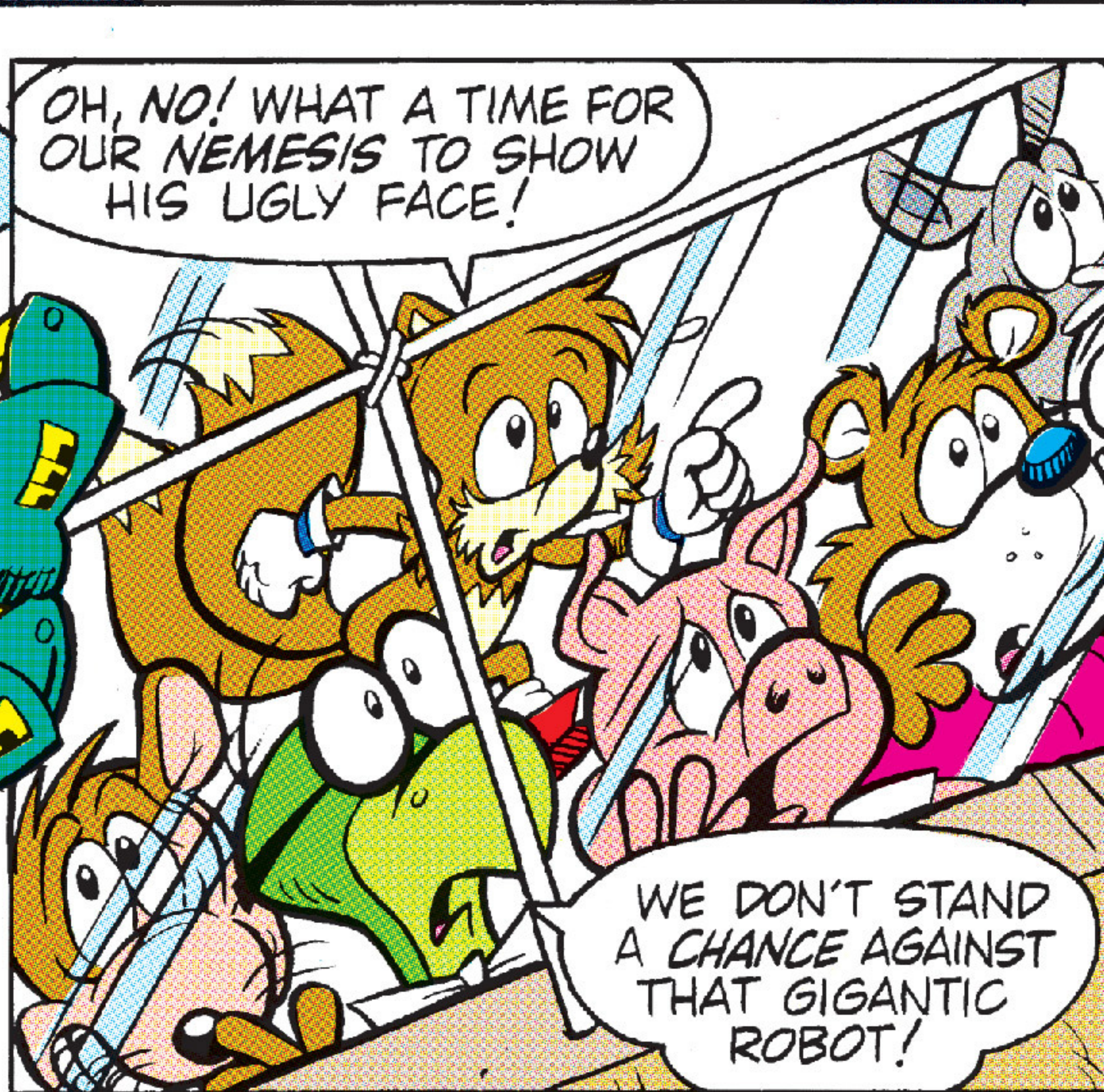
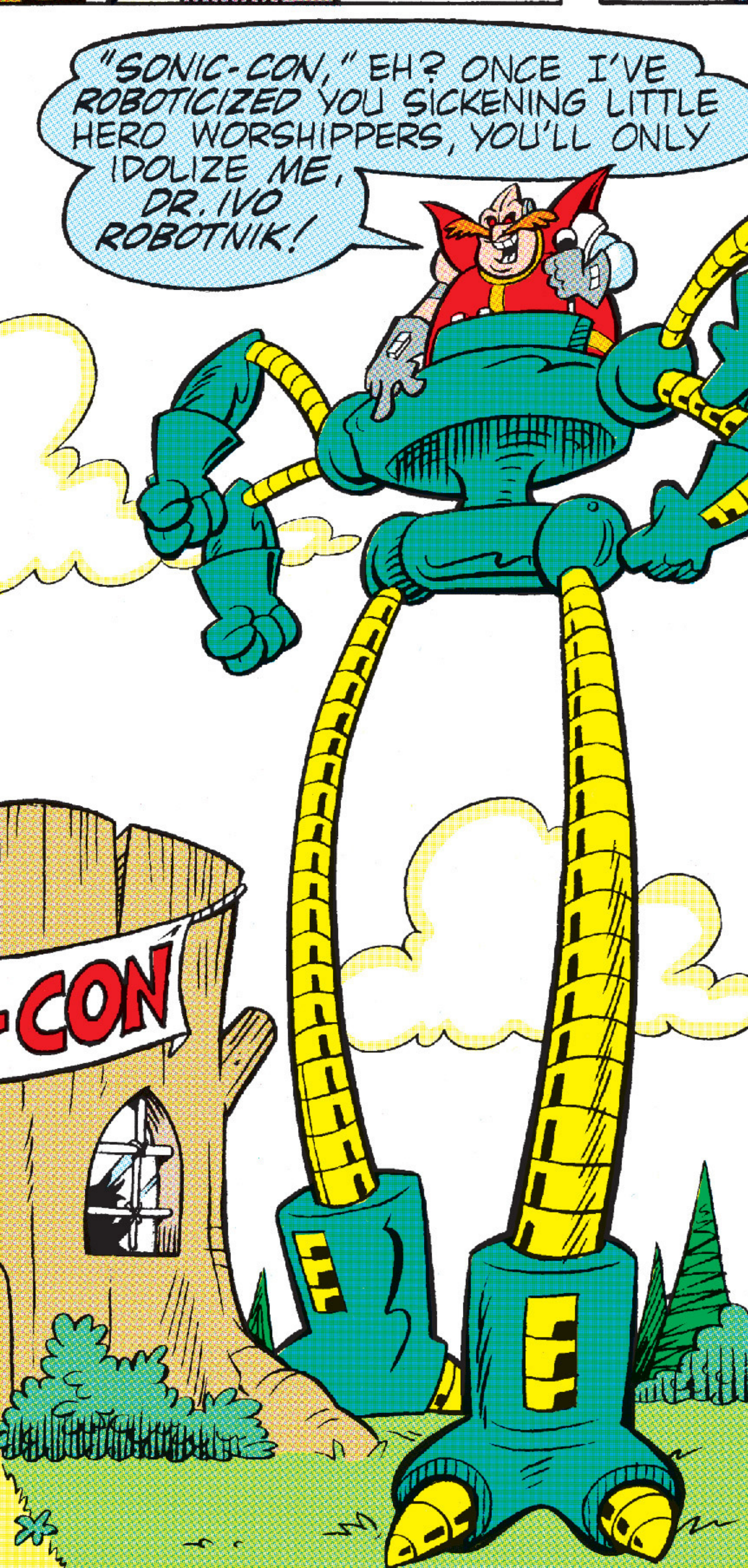
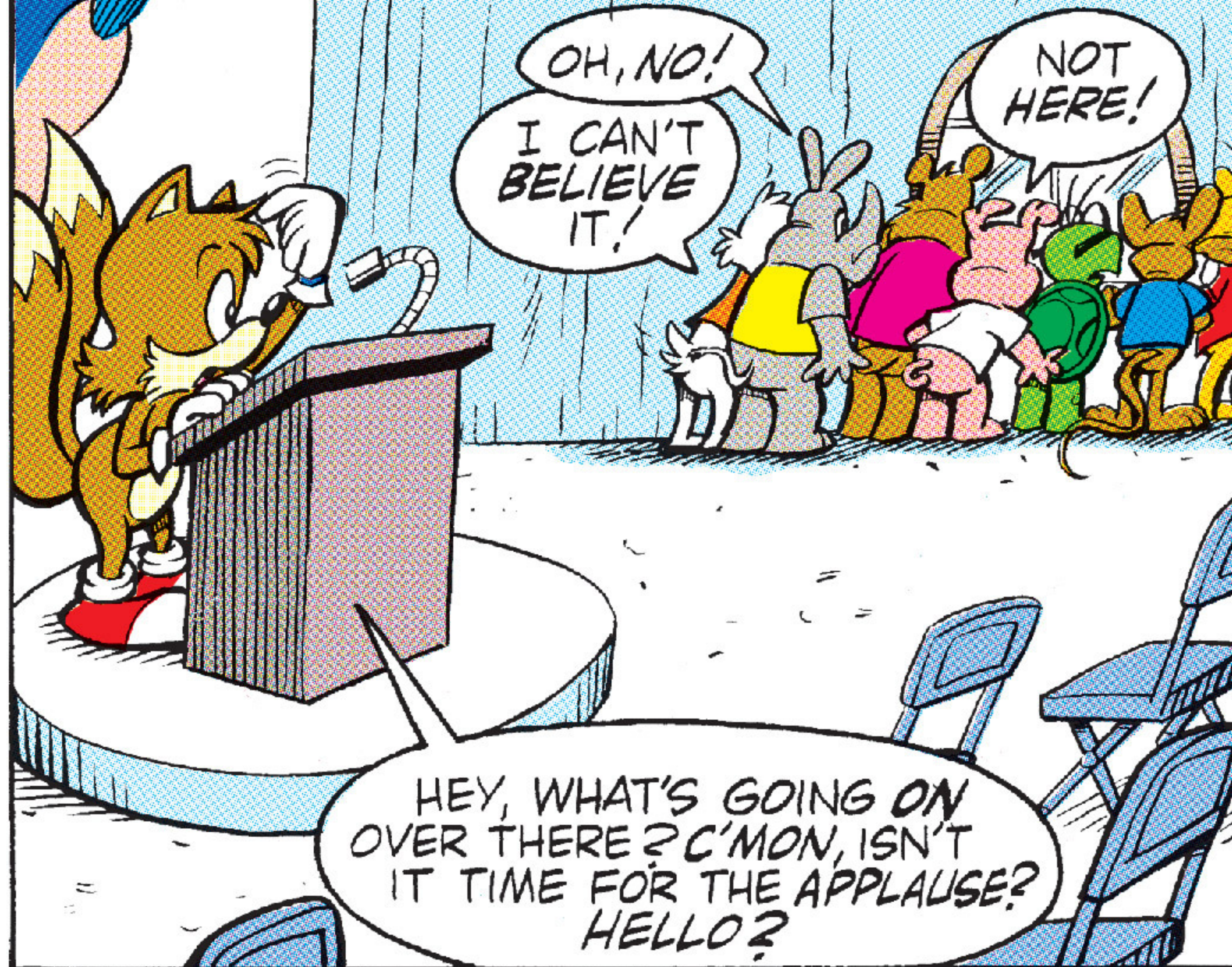


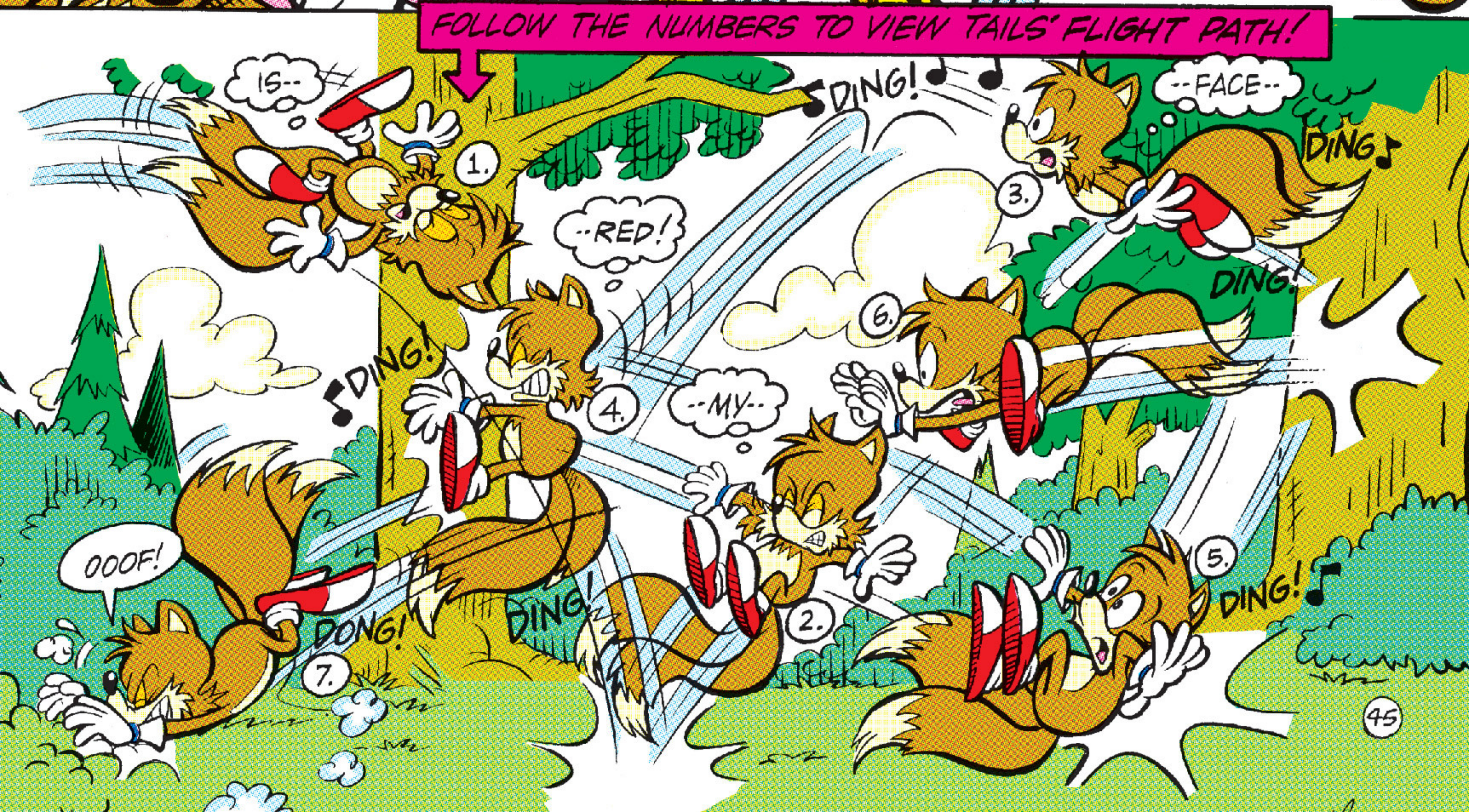
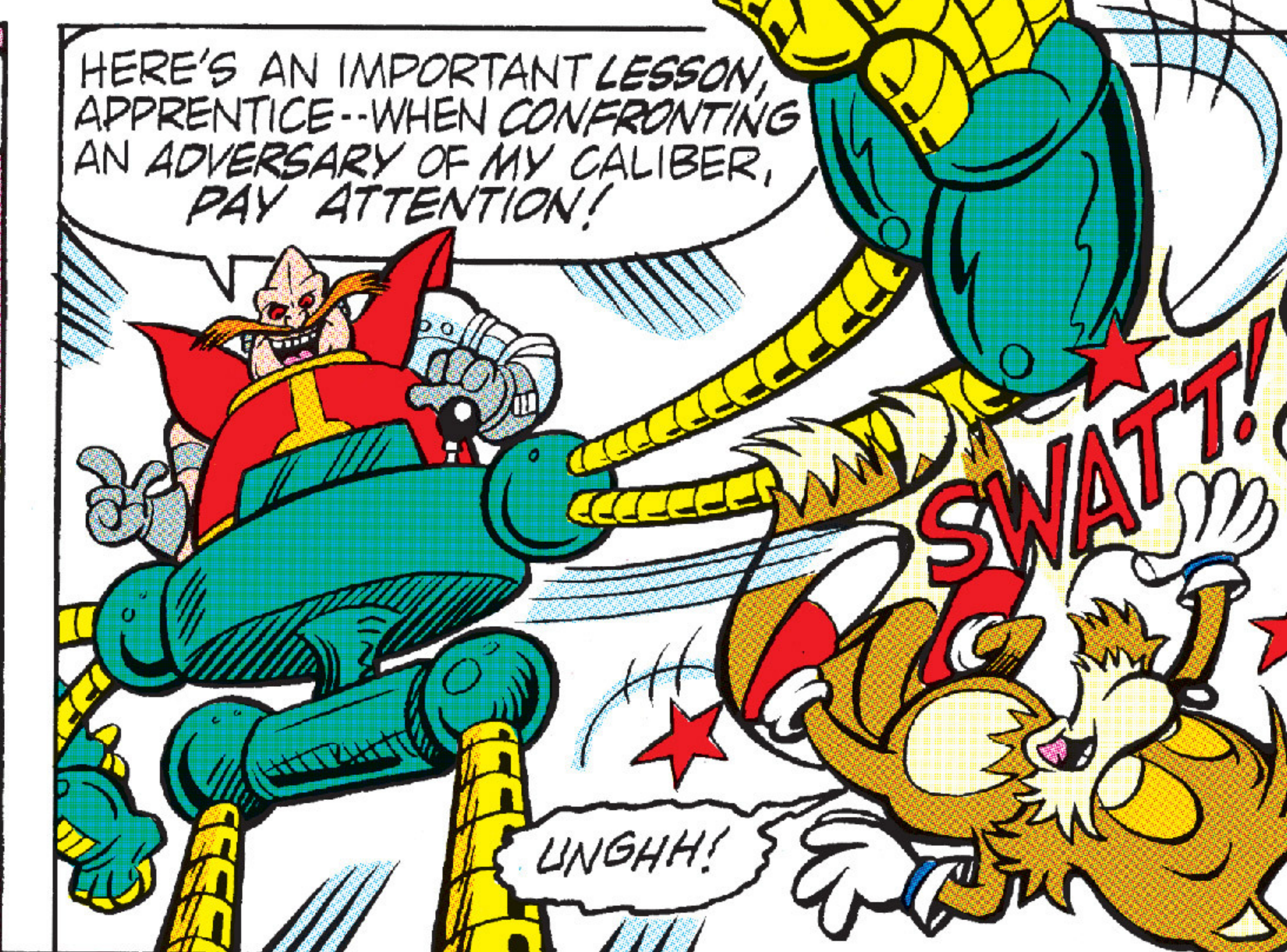
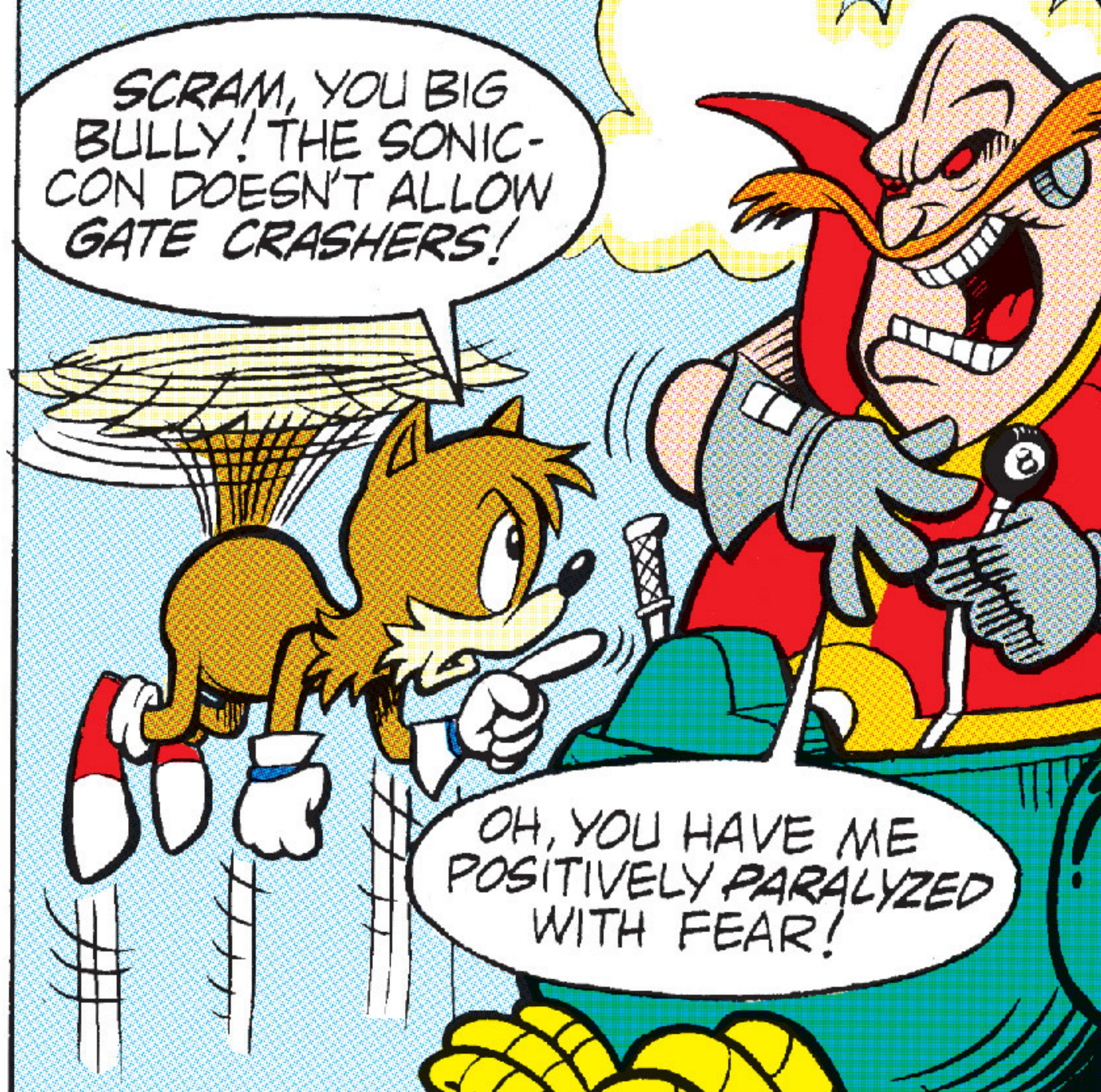
EAT FOX-FIST, TOADZILLA!

"LOCKED IN A DEATH GRIP--"

"--WE FELL INTO THE WATERS OF THE RIVER!"









TAILS! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? SPEAK TO US!

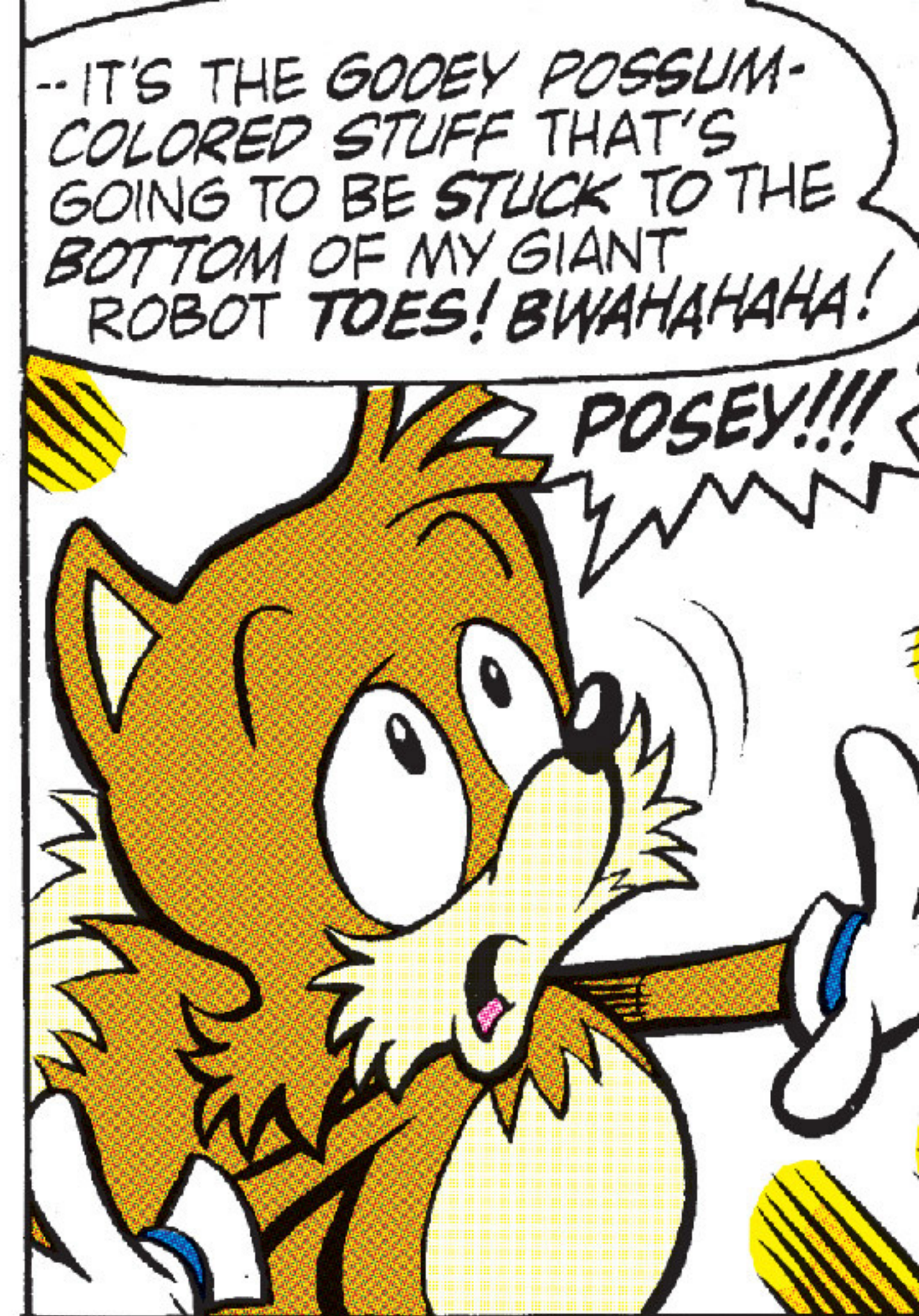
I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU, DR. ROBOTNIK...

...POSEY...?



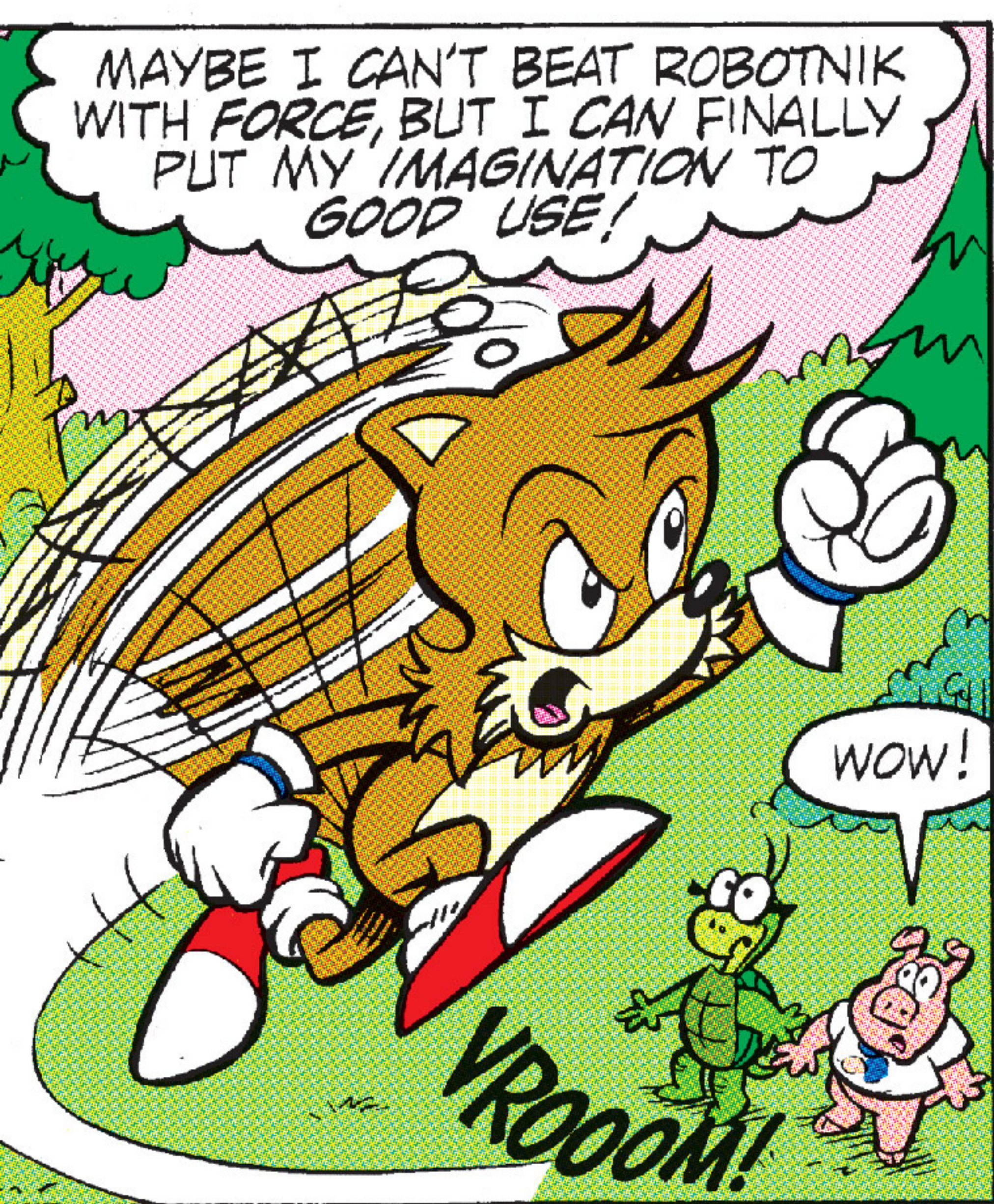
...AND I'M NOT SCARED OF YOU! NOW LEAVE US ALONE!

OH, YOU HAVE SPUNK, EH? DO YOU KNOW WHAT SPUNK IS?



--IT'S THE GOOEY POSSUM-COLORED STUFF THAT'S GOING TO BE STUCK TO THE BOTTOM OF MY GIANT ROBOT TOES! BWAHahaha!

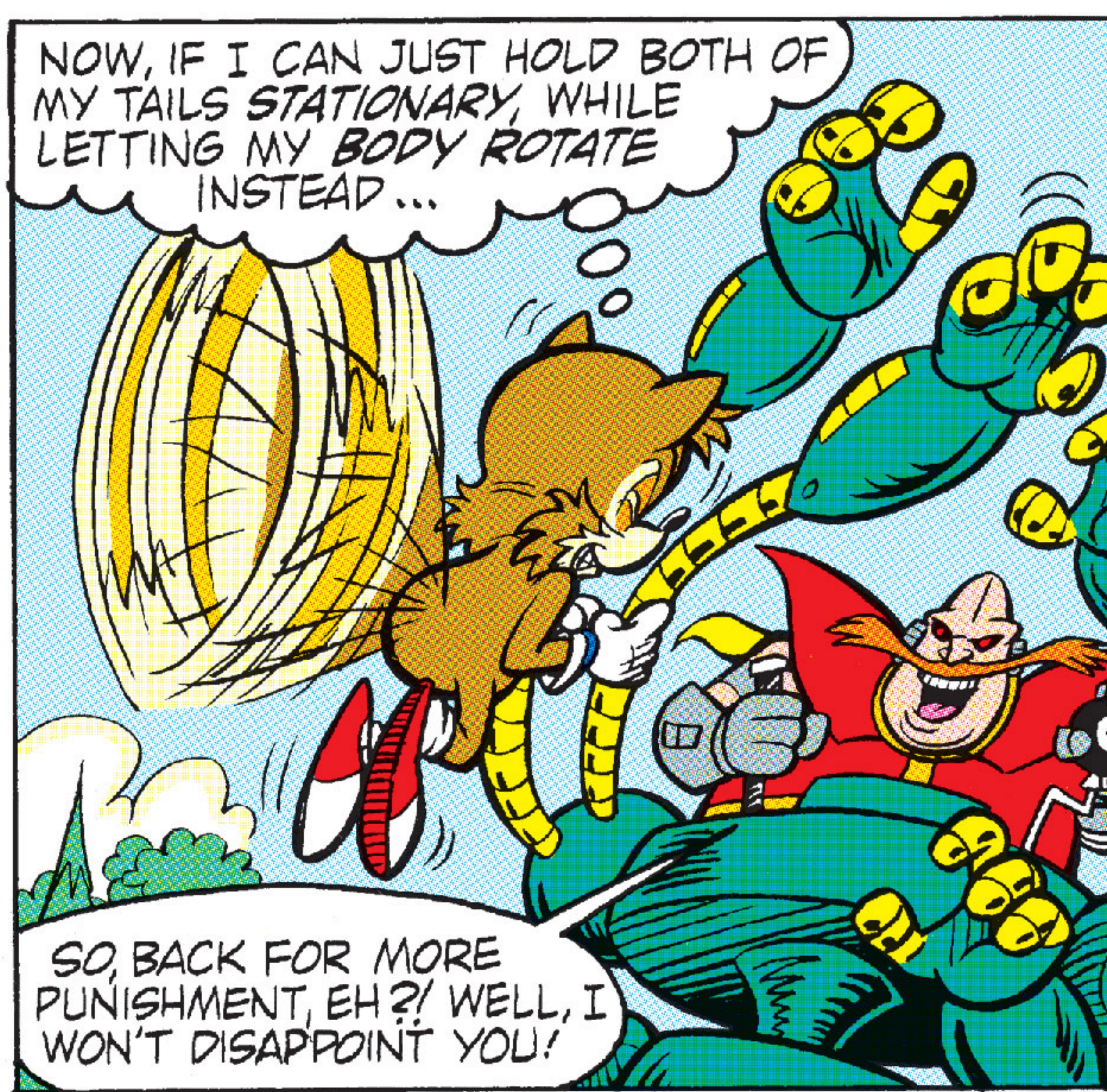
POSEY!!!



MAYBE I CAN'T BEAT ROBOTNIK WITH FORCE, BUT I CAN FINALLY PUT MY IMAGINATION TO GOOD USE!

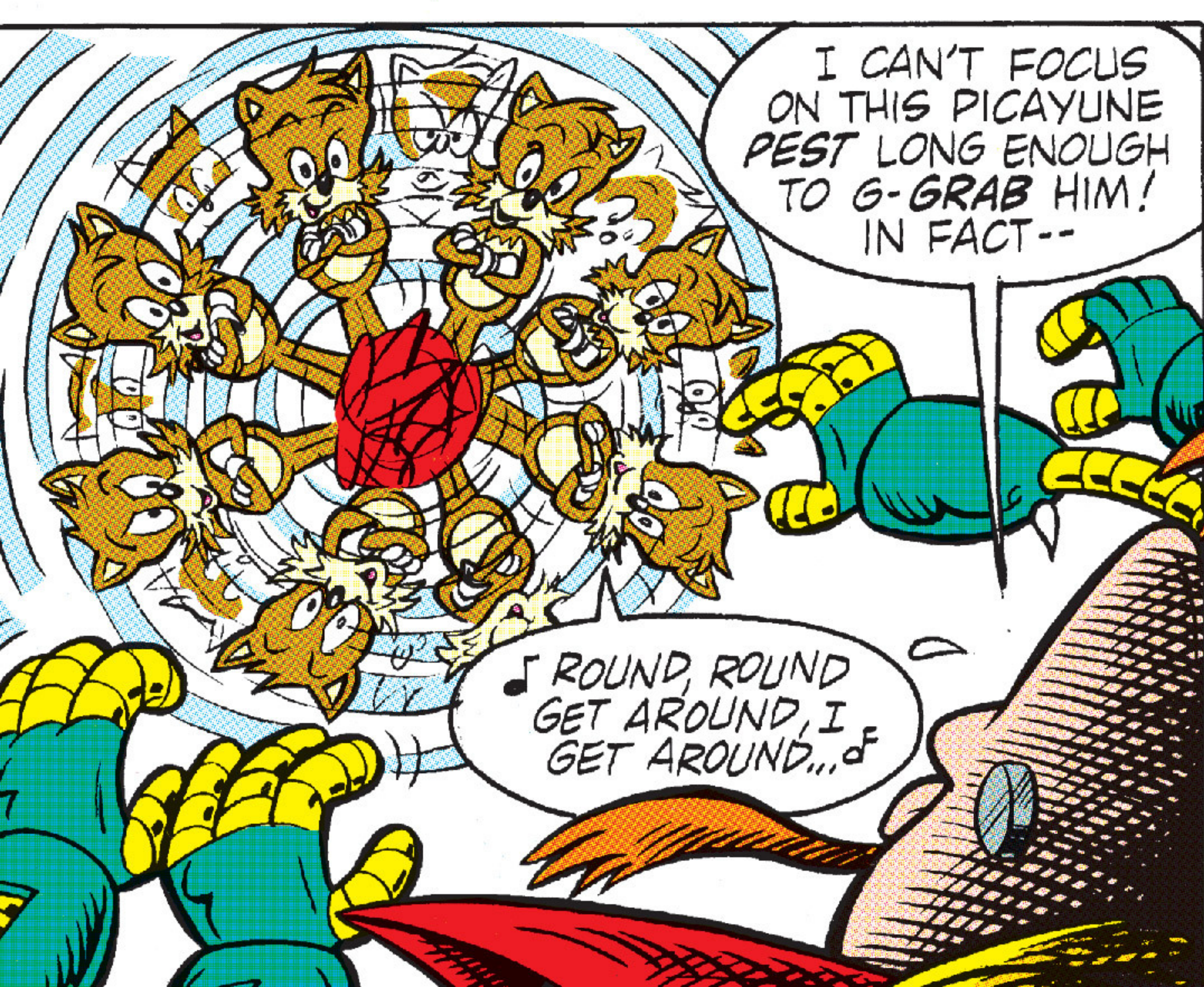
WOW!

VROOOM!



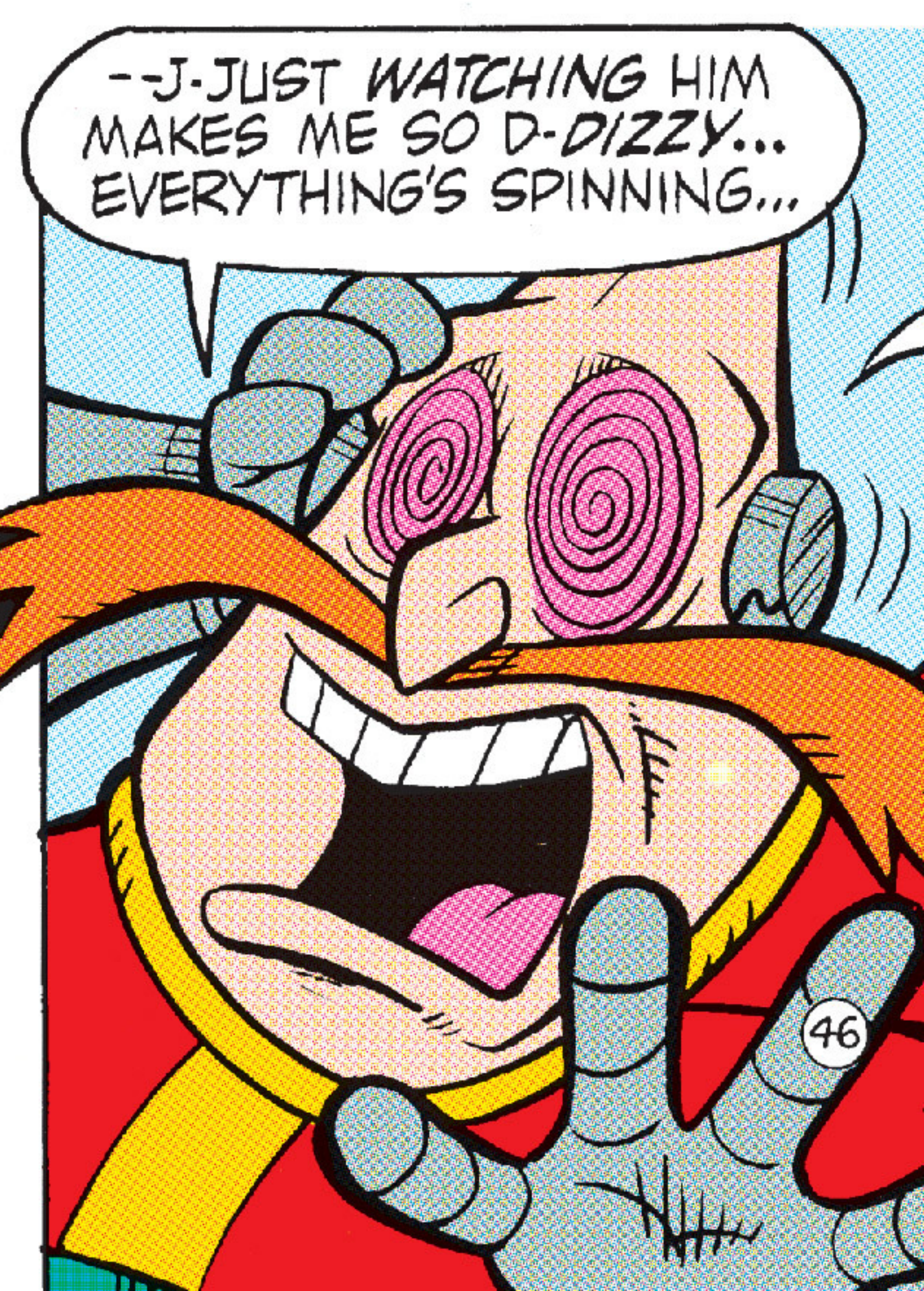
NOW, IF I CAN JUST HOLD BOTH OF MY TAILS STATIONARY, WHILE LETTING MY BODY ROTATE INSTEAD...

SO, BACK FOR MORE PUNISHMENT, EH? WELL, I WON'T DISAPPOINT YOU!

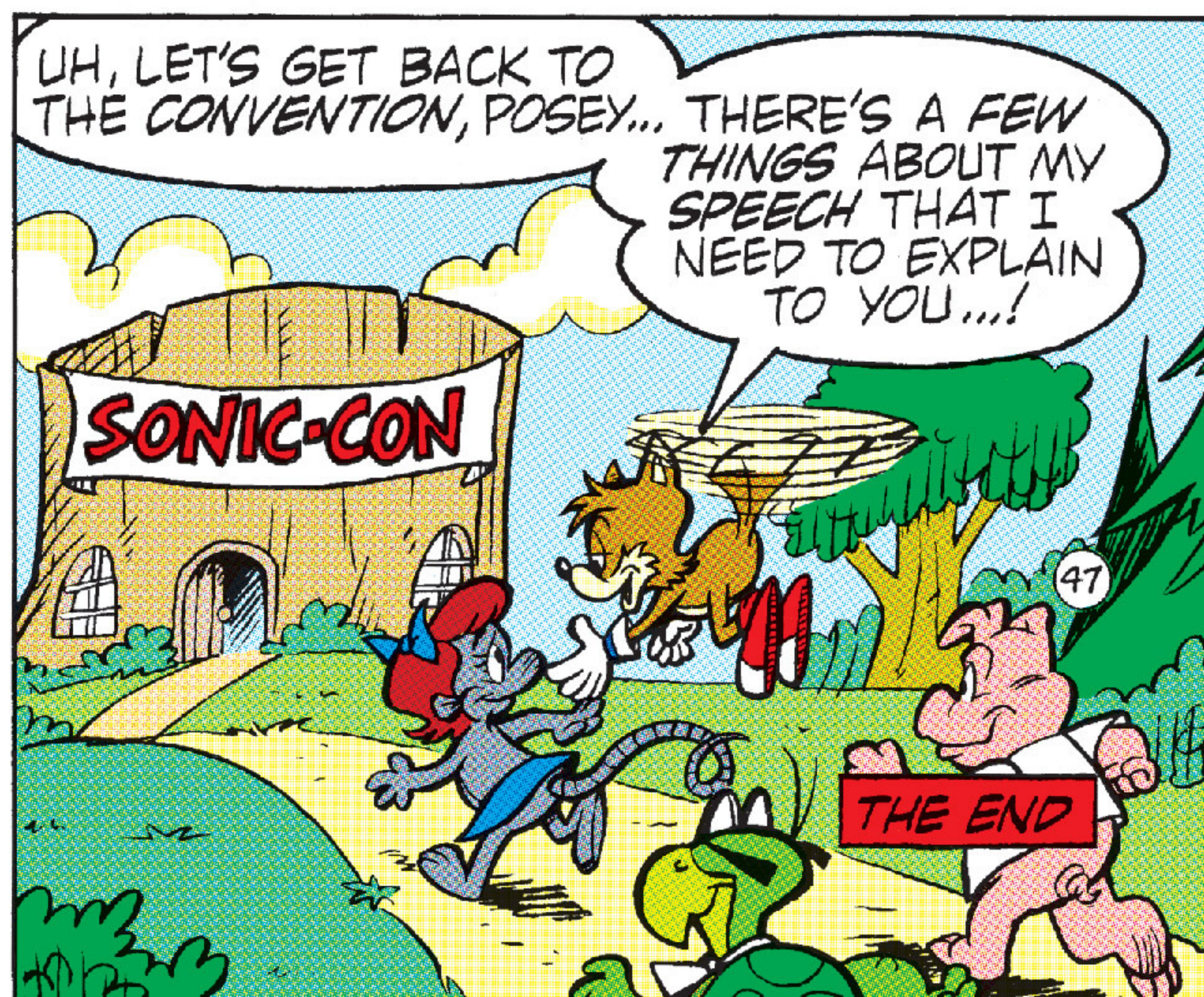
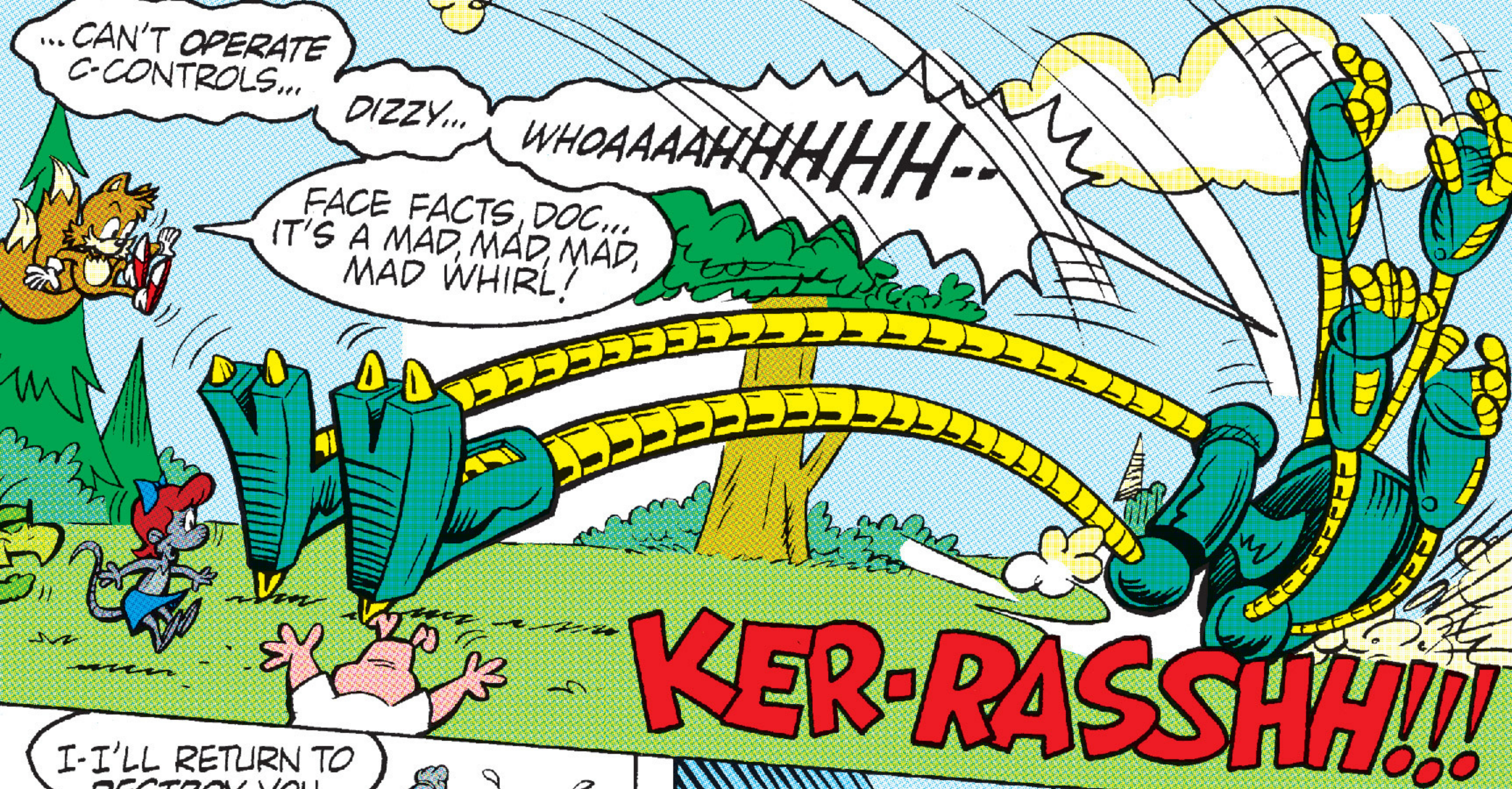


I CAN'T FOCUS ON THIS PICAYUNE PEST LONG ENOUGH TO G-GRAB HIM! IN FACT--

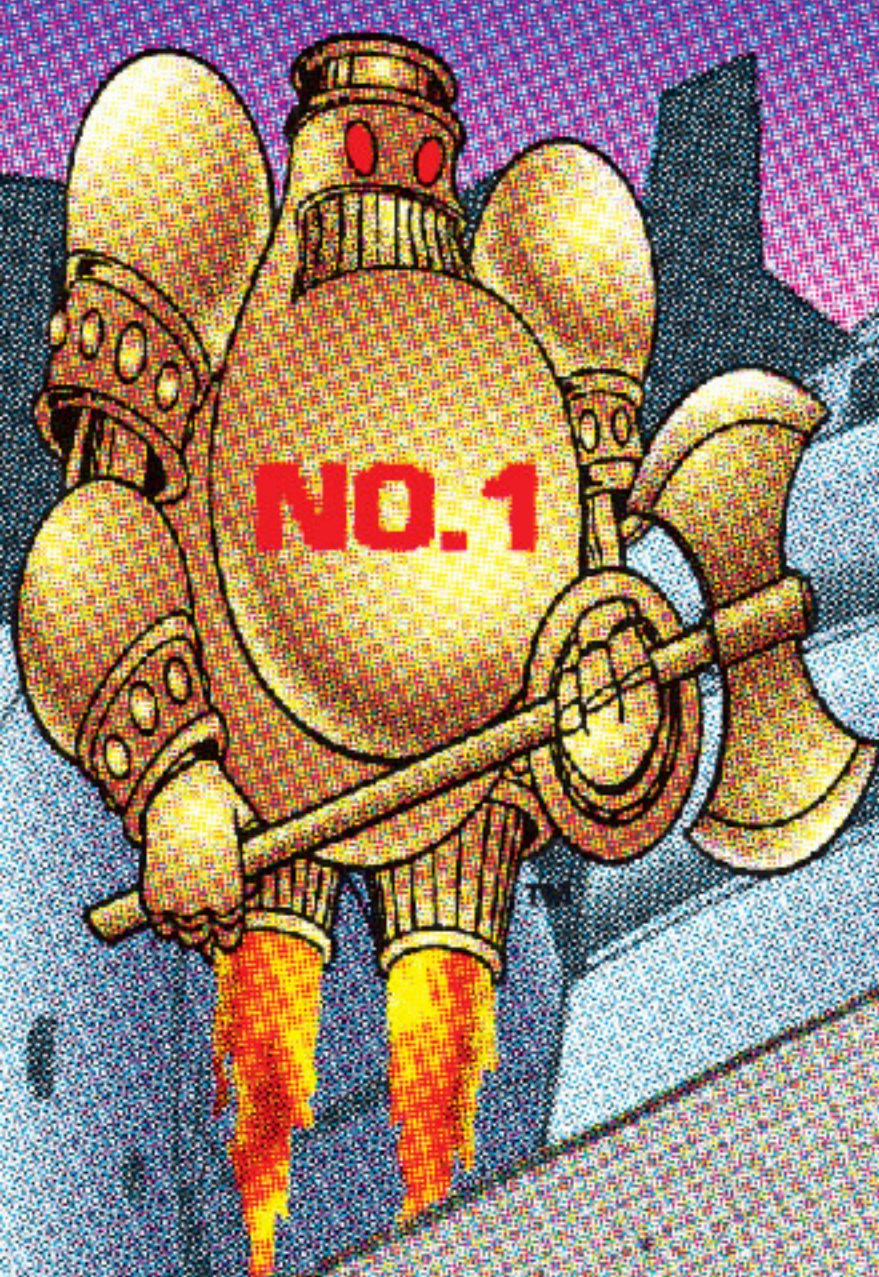
♪ ROUND, ROUND GET AROUND, I GET AROUND... ♪



--J-JUST WATCHING HIM MAKES ME SO D-DIZZY... EVERYTHING'S SPINNING...



Archie
ADVENTURE
SERIES

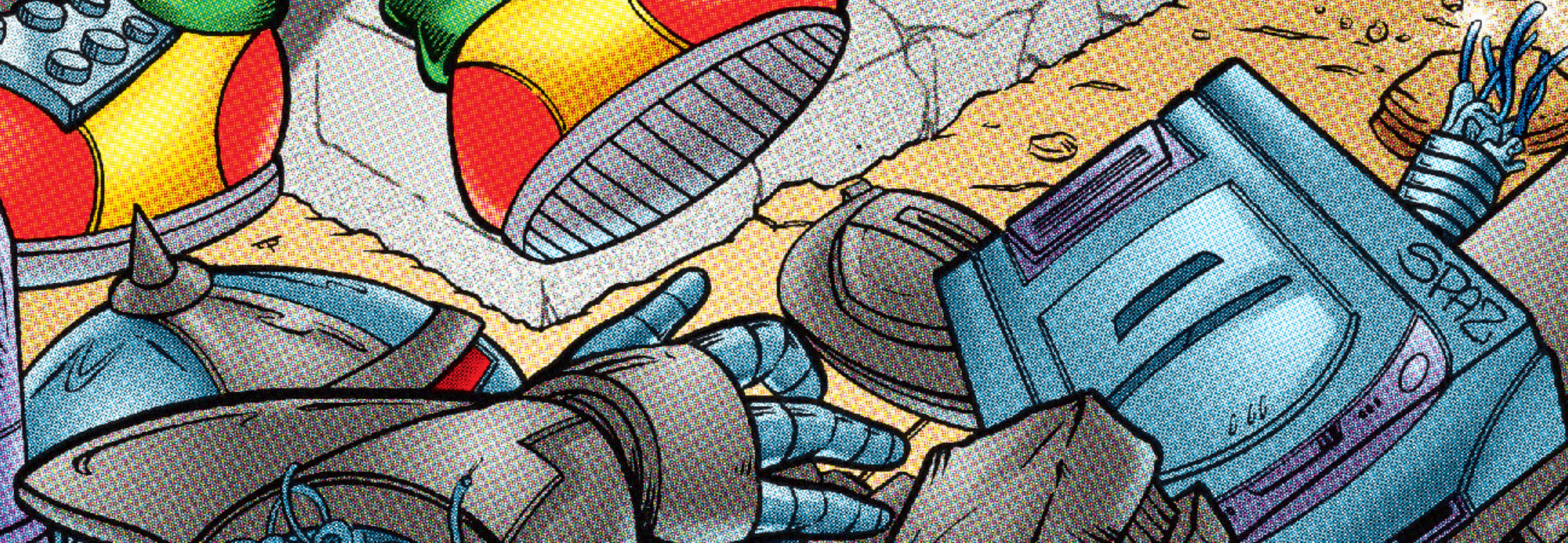
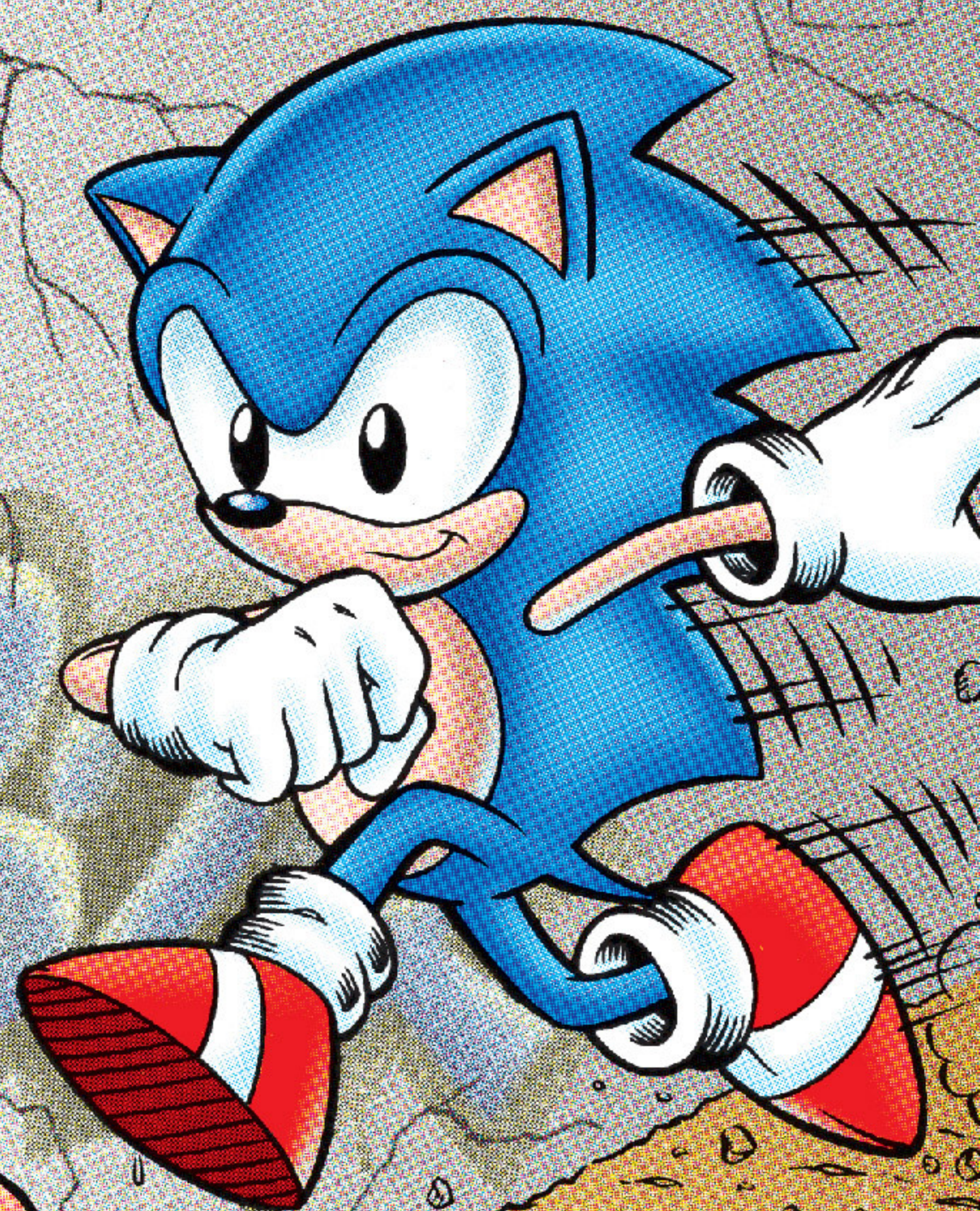


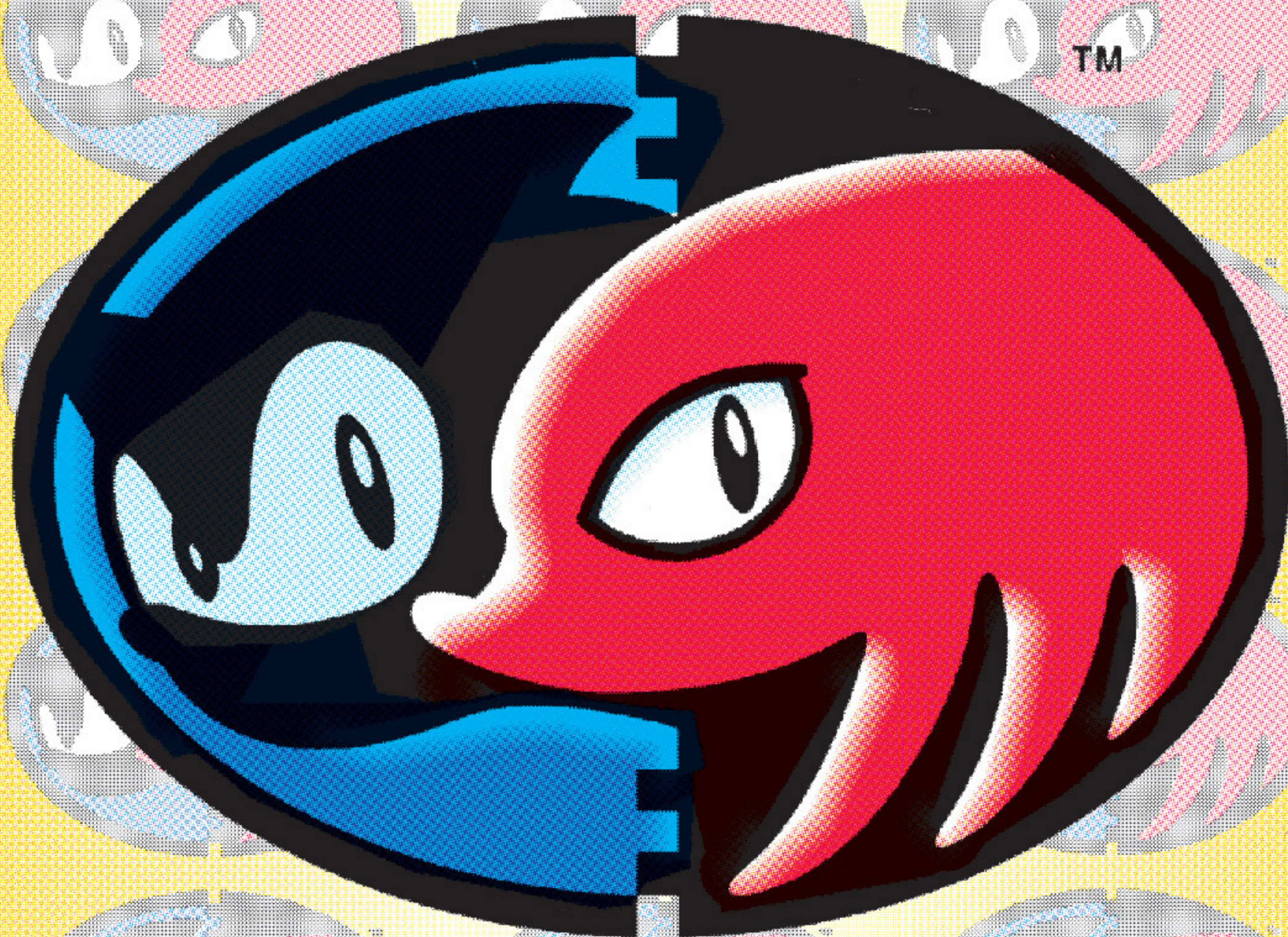
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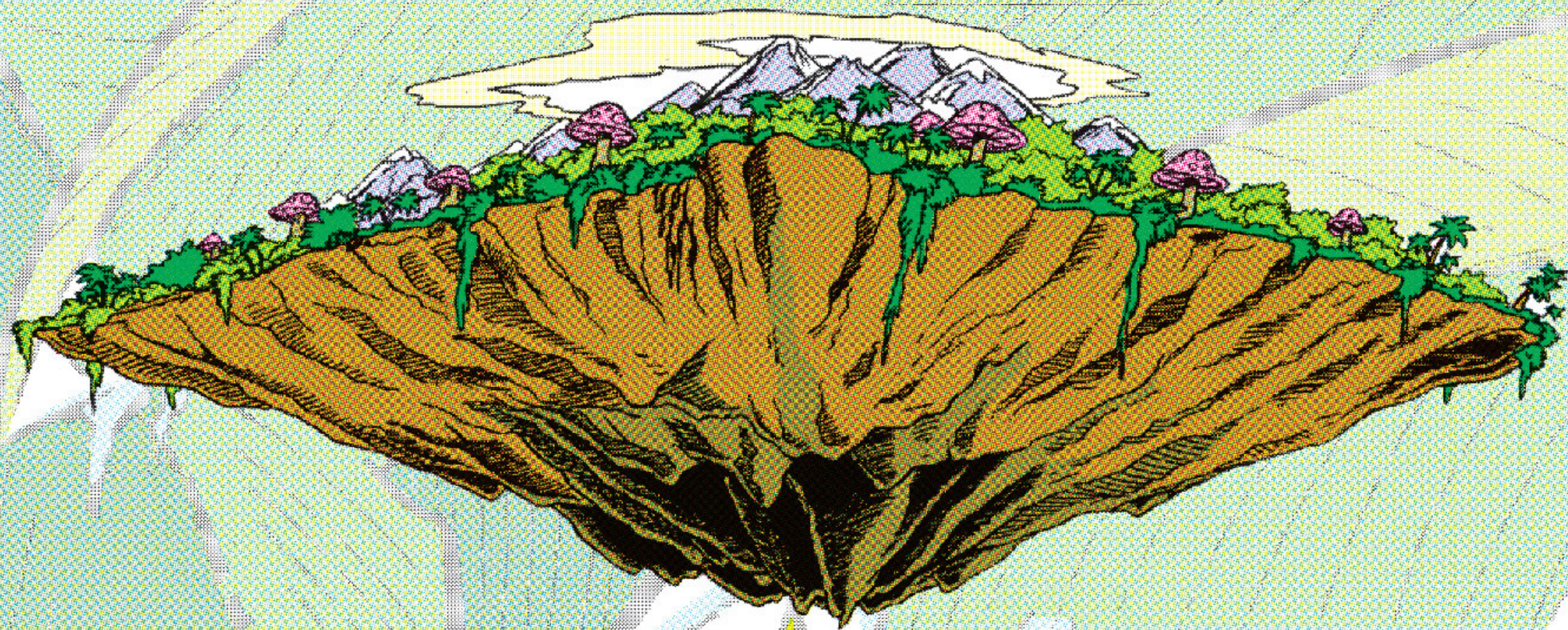
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A land once renowned for its great beauty, the planet **Mobius** is well on its way to becoming a scarred, lifeless battlefield, thanks to the relentless acts of scientific terrorism unleashed by the evil Techno-Tyrant, **Dr. Ivo Robotnik**.

In this once-serene plane, only one great natural wonder remains untouched by this utter devastation: the mysterious **Floating Island**. A mighty continent, the island is held aloft by the energy of a rare and powerful gem known as a **Chaos Emerald**. A world unto itself with its origins lost to antiquity, this sprawling multi-zoned land mass drifts lazily above the face of Mobius, existing in harmony, yet forever apart.

As enigmatic as the Floating Island is its guardian, **Knuckles The Echidna**. Last of an ancient, noble race, his charge is to preserve the peace, and protect the island's boundaries from the encroachment and harsh realities of the "outside world" -- a task handed down generation unto generation.

Recently host to a great battle between Dr. Robotnik and the spearhead of **Knothole Village's** resistance, **Sonic The Hedgehog**, the Floating Island again stands alone as a safe haven from the war that rages unchecked, below.

But for how long?

PROLOGUE:

THE WESTERN COAST OF
THE GREAT CONTINENT.

12:17 PM

THOUGH PRONE TO EARTH-
QUAKES, MUDSLIDES, FIRES
AND FLOODS...

... IT REMAINS ONE OF THE FEW
REGIONS ON MOBIUS TO REMAIN
UNSCARRED BY CONFLICT!

HERE, THE NATIVES CAN FROLIC
AND ROMP WITHOUT CARE!

OR AT LEAST
THEY COULD...

WHAP!

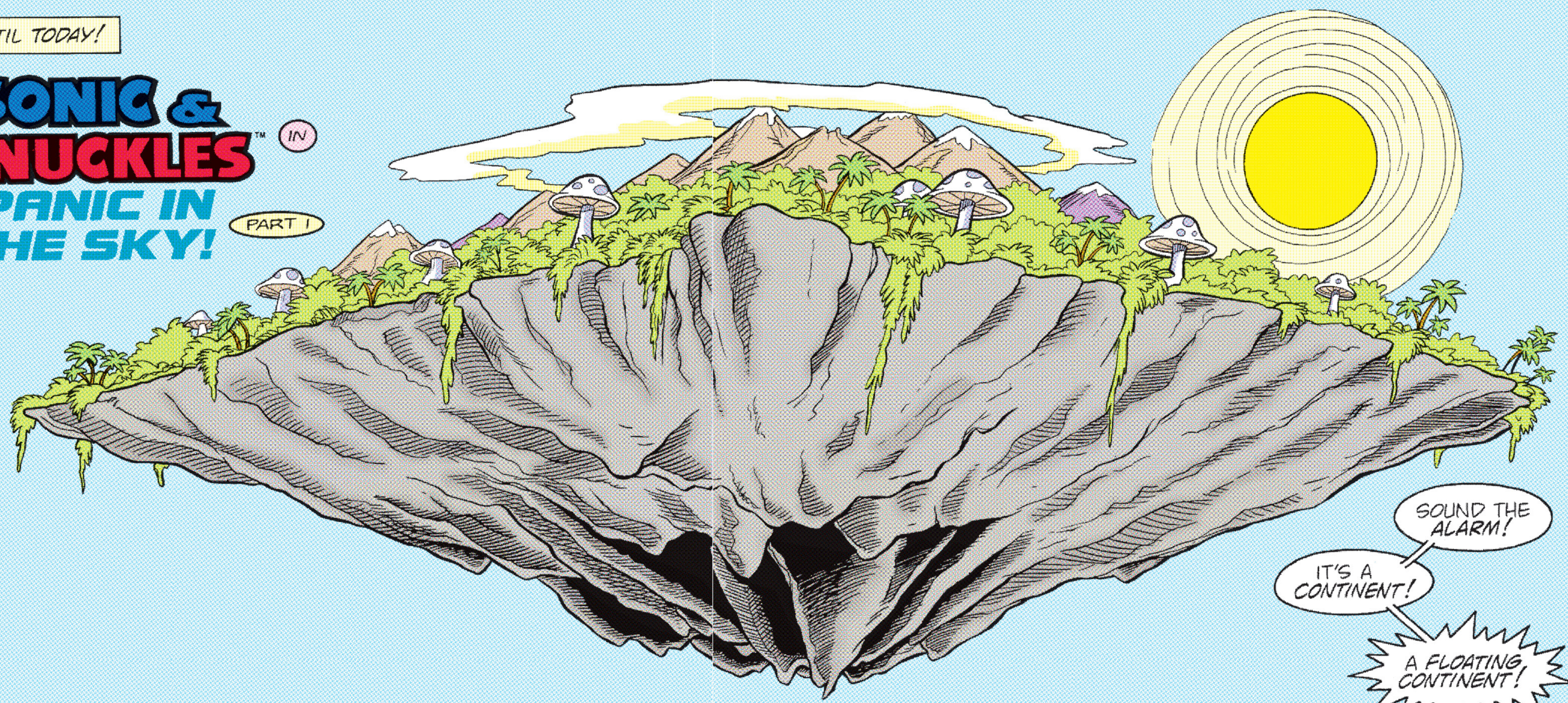
...UNTIL TODAY!

SONIC & KNUCKLES

IN

PANIC IN THE SKY!

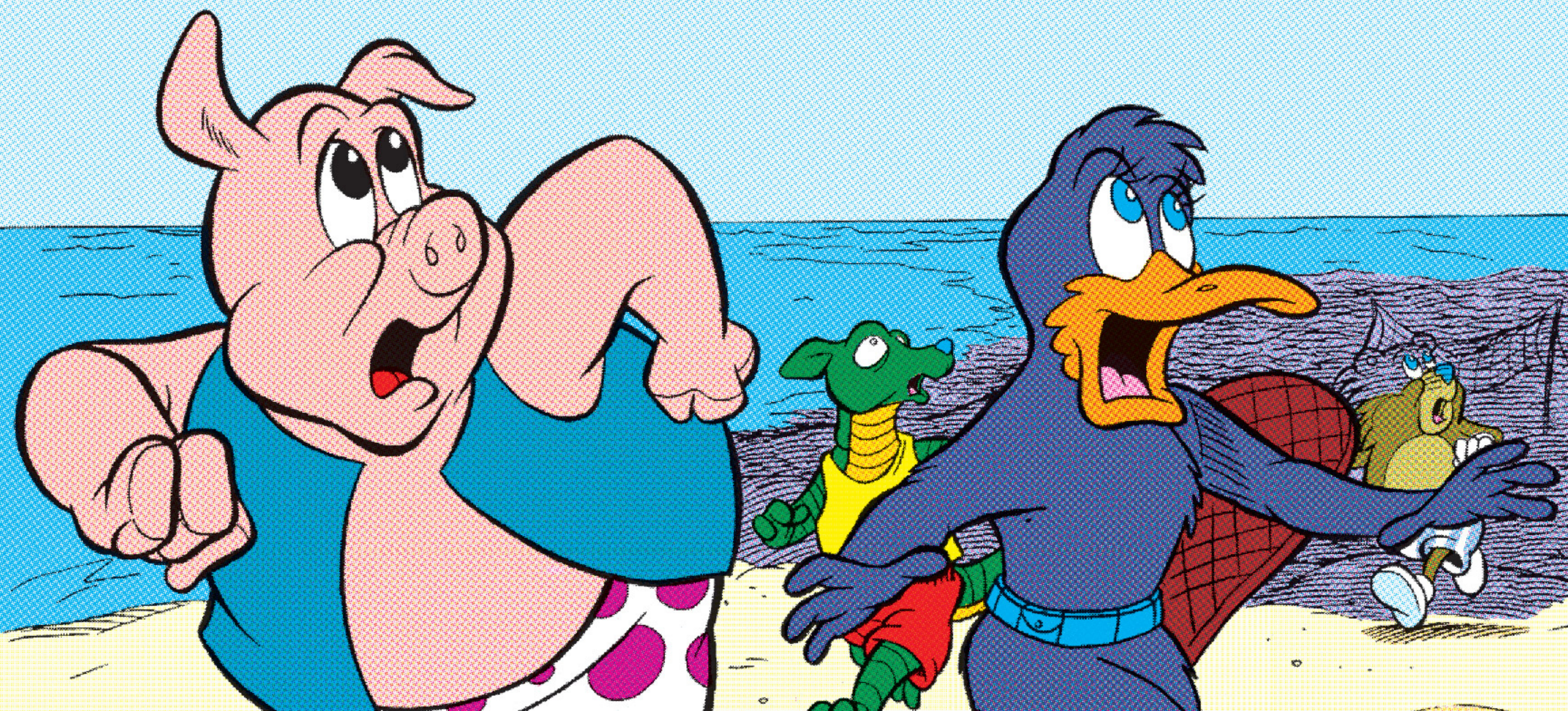
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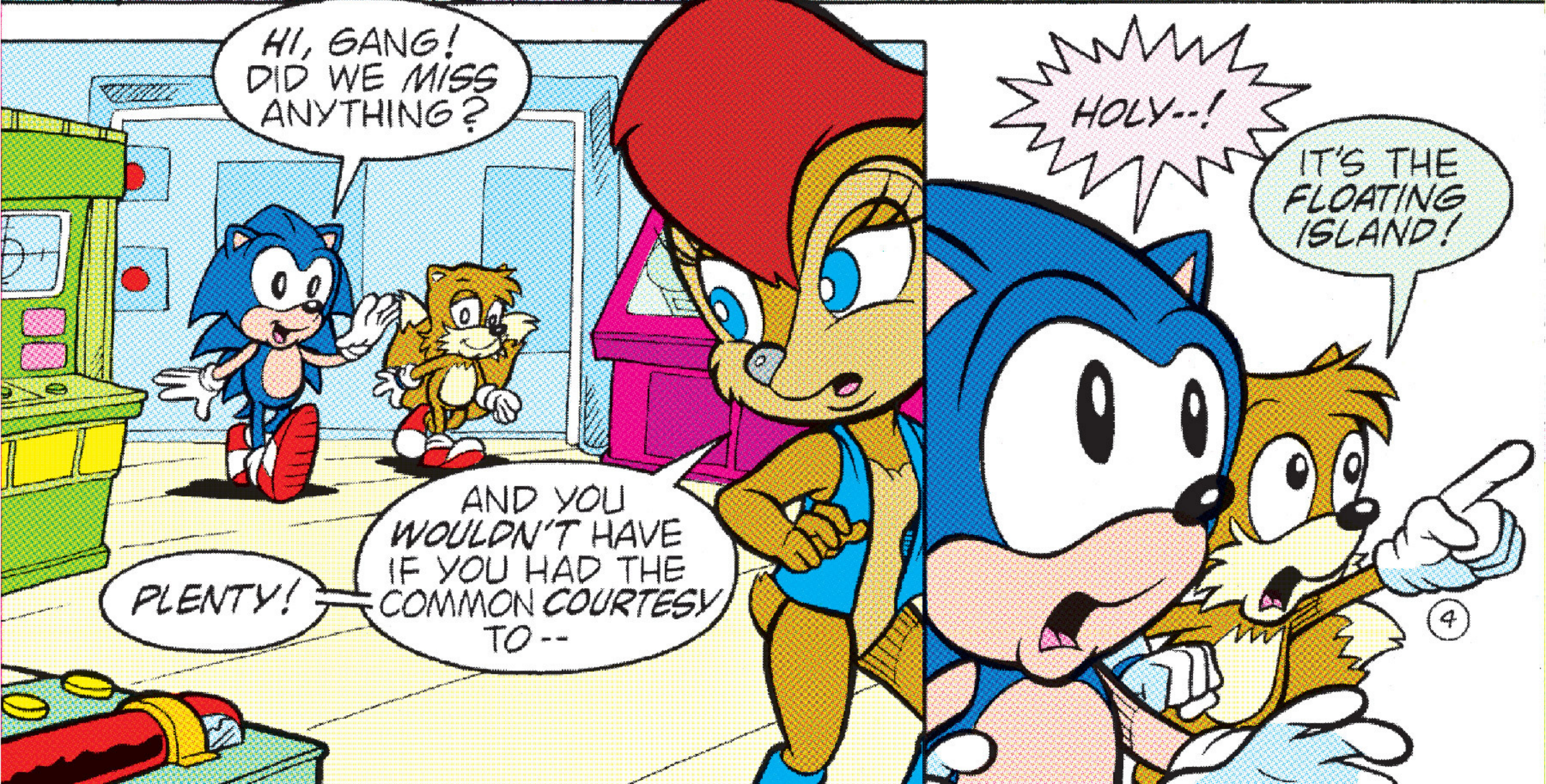
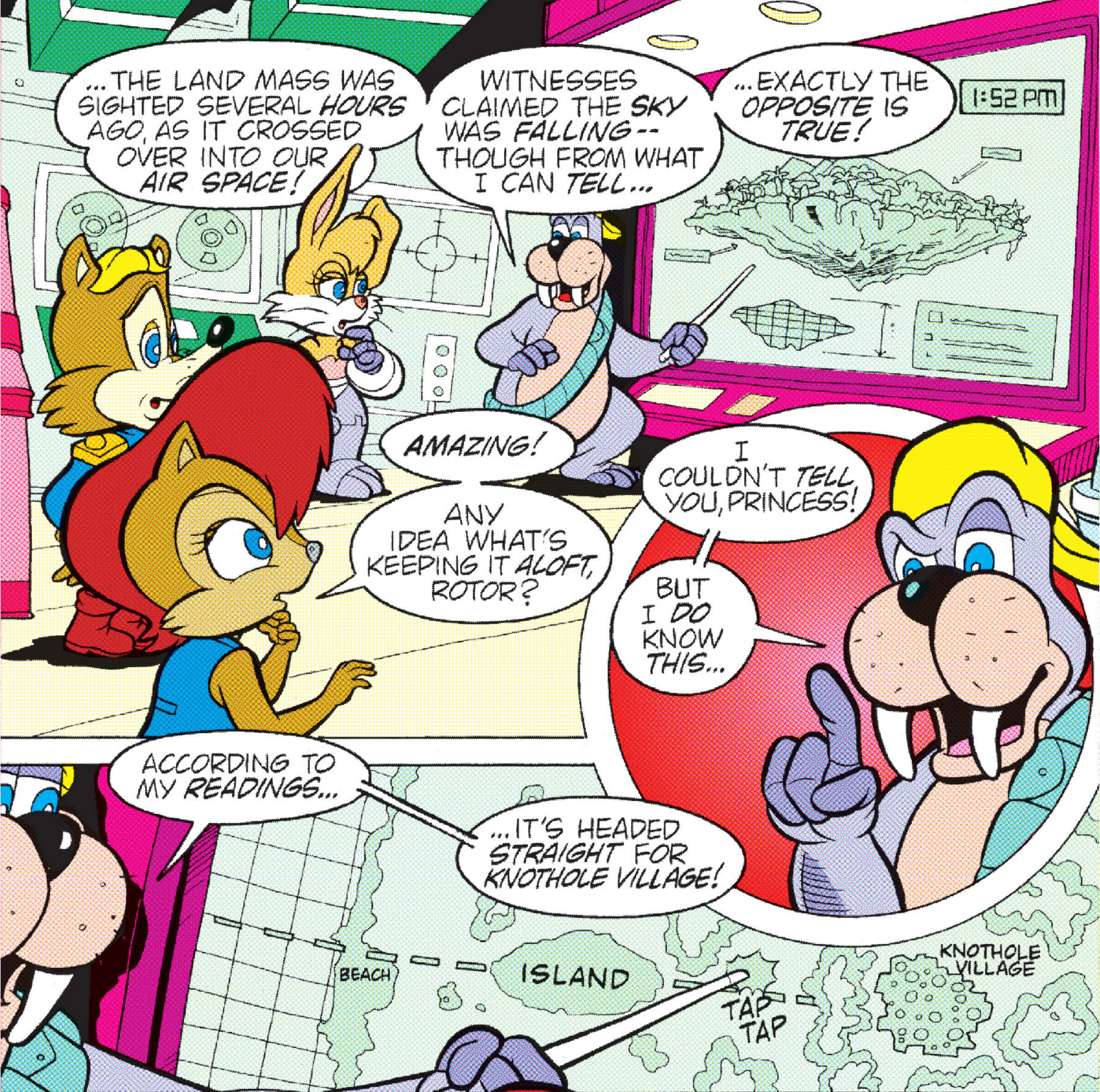


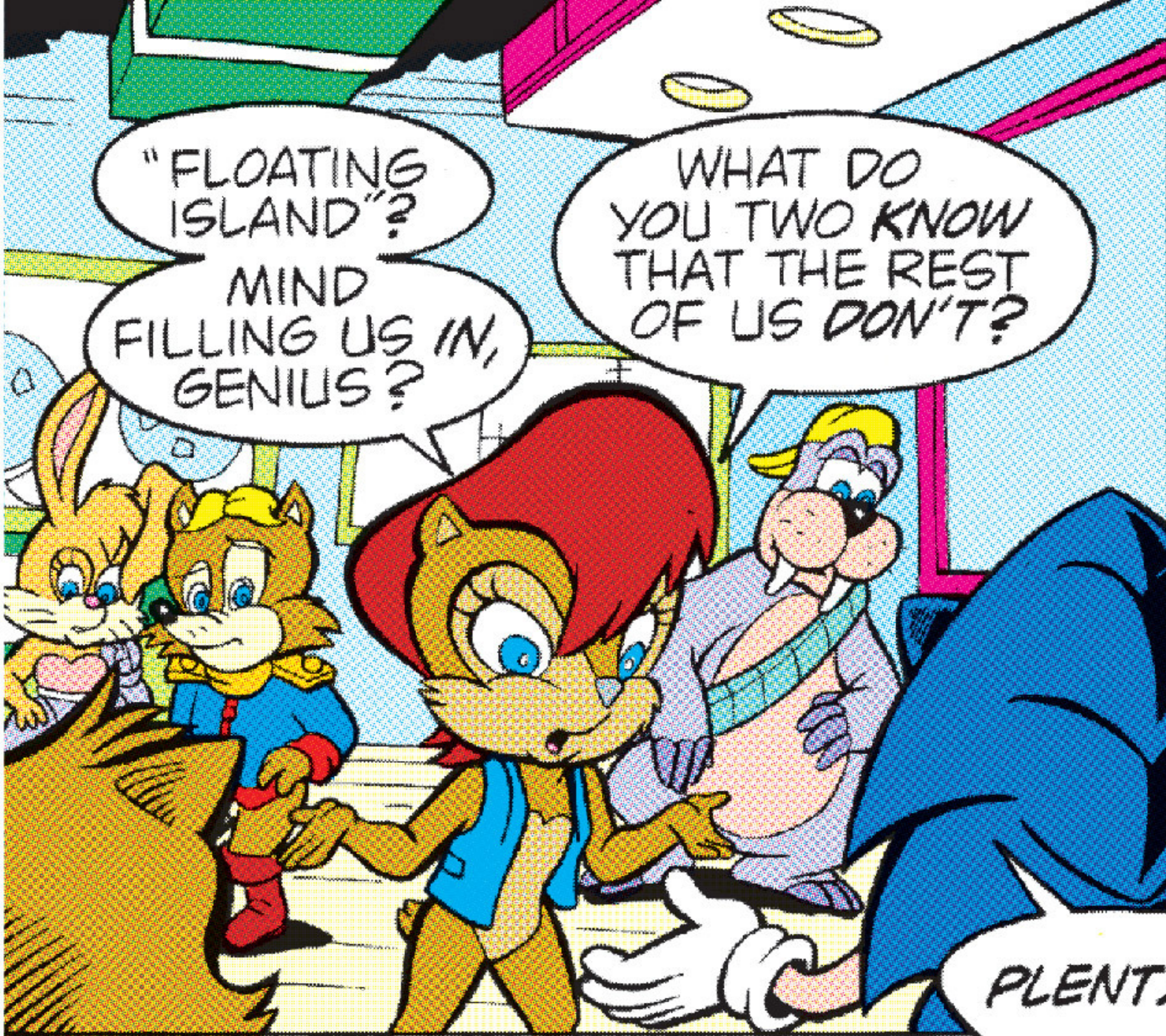
SOUND THE ALARM!

IT'S A CONTINENT!

A FLOATING CONTINENT!



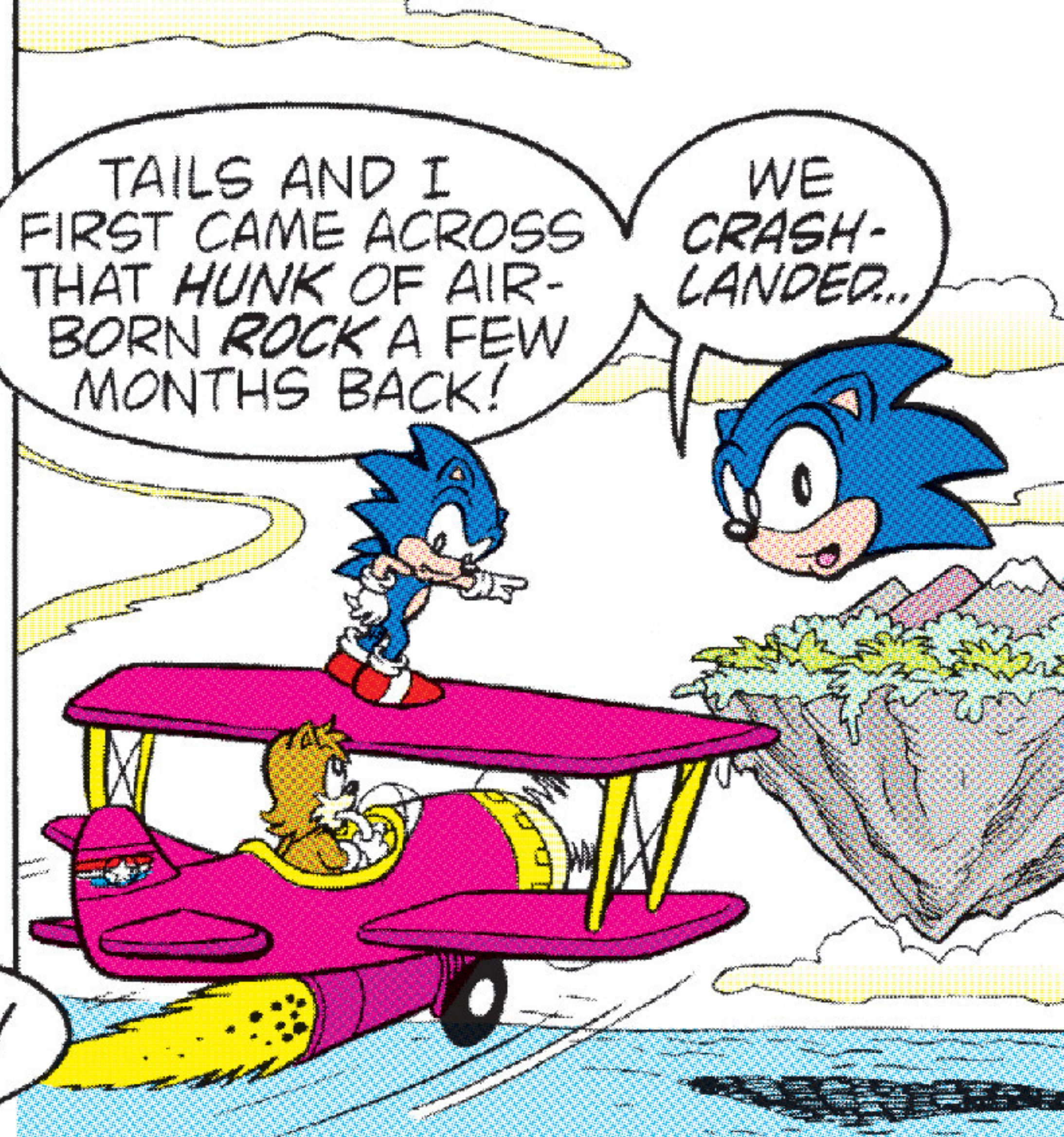




"FLOATING ISLAND"?
MIND FILLING US IN, GENIUS?

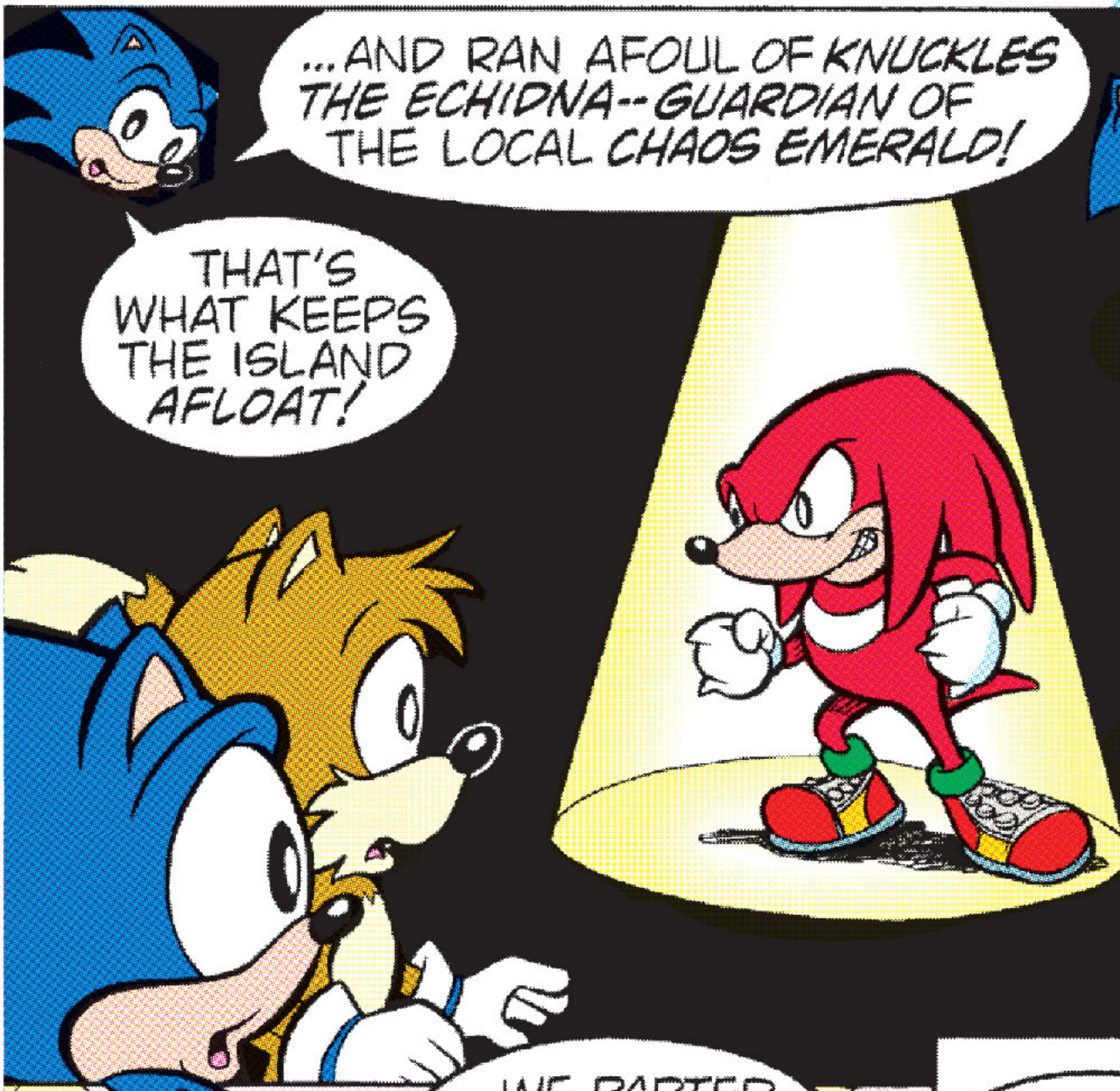
WHAT DO YOU TWO KNOW THAT THE REST OF US DON'T?

PLENTY!



TAILS AND I FIRST CAME ACROSS THAT HUNK OF AIR-BORN ROCK A FEW MONTHS BACK!

WE CRASH-LANDED...



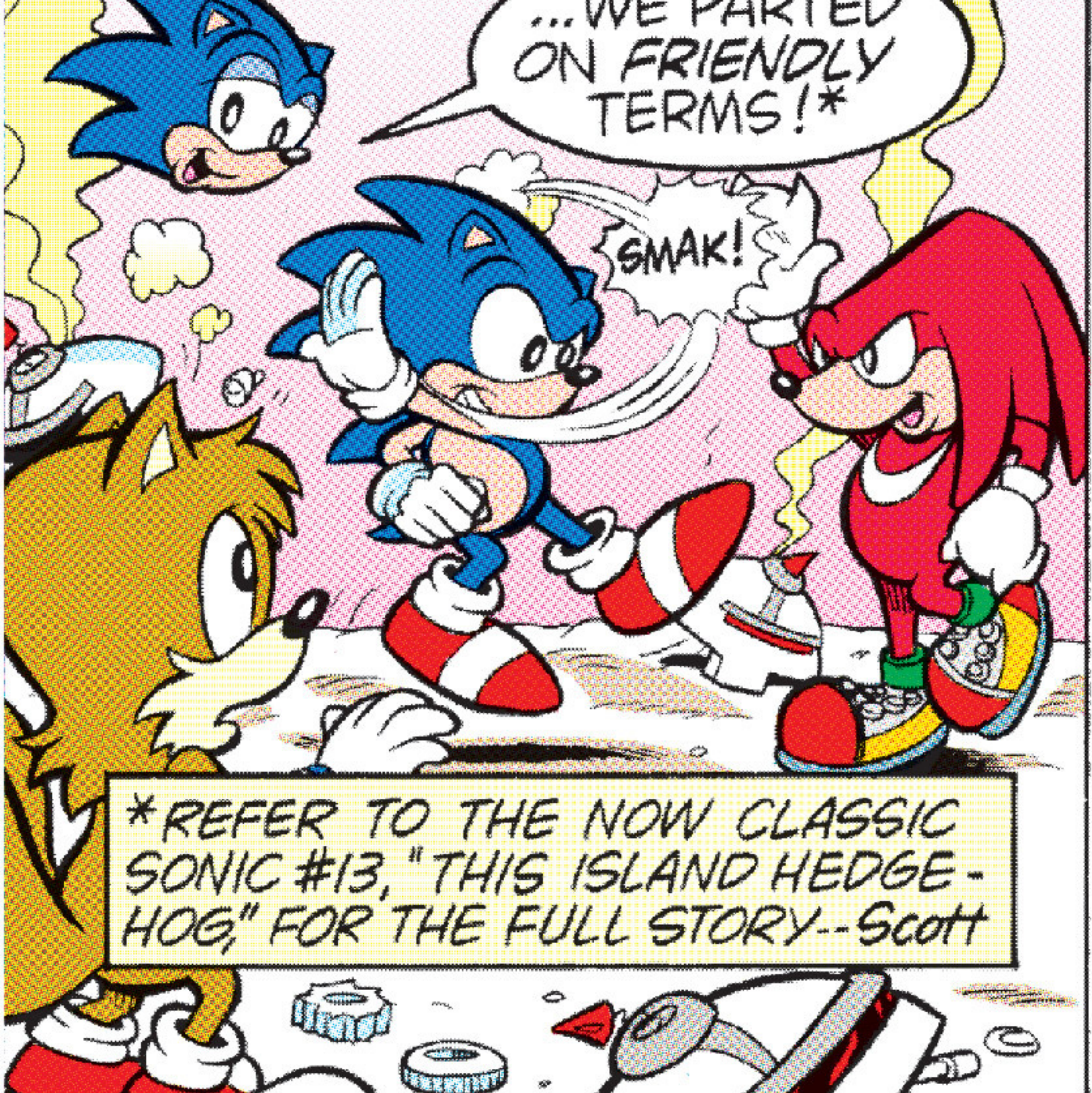
...AND RAN AFOWL OF KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA--GUARDIAN OF THE LOCAL CHAOS EMERALD!

THAT'S WHAT KEEPS THE ISLAND AFLOAT!



TO PUT IT MILDLY, HE TOOK AN IMMEDIATE AND PROFOUND DISLIKE TO US!

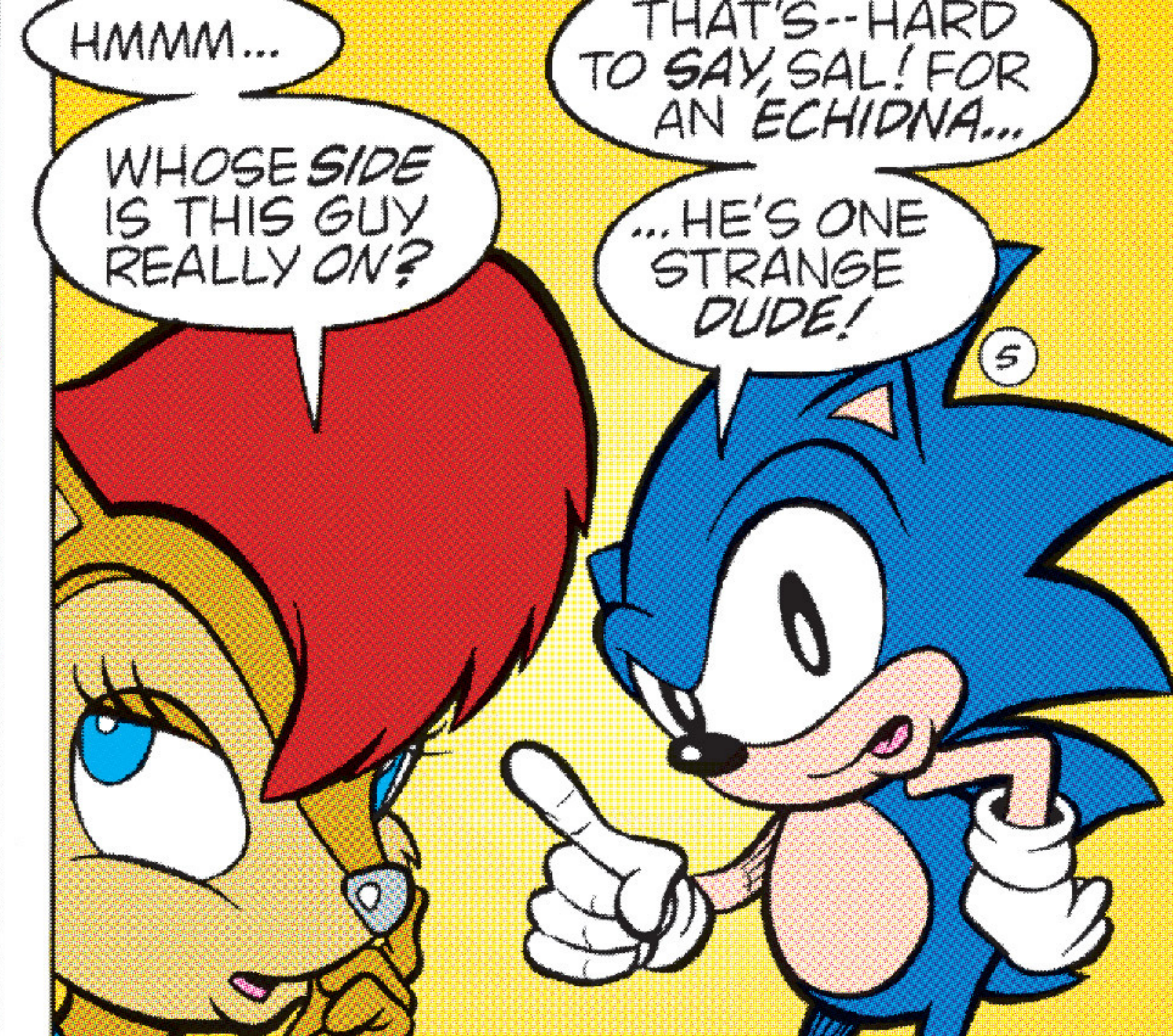
BUT-- AFTER WE'D HASHED THINGS OUT A BIT...



...WE PARTED ON FRIENDLY TERMS!*

SMACK!

*REFER TO THE NOW CLASSIC SONIC #13, "THIS ISLAND HEDGE-HOG," FOR THE FULL STORY--SCOTT

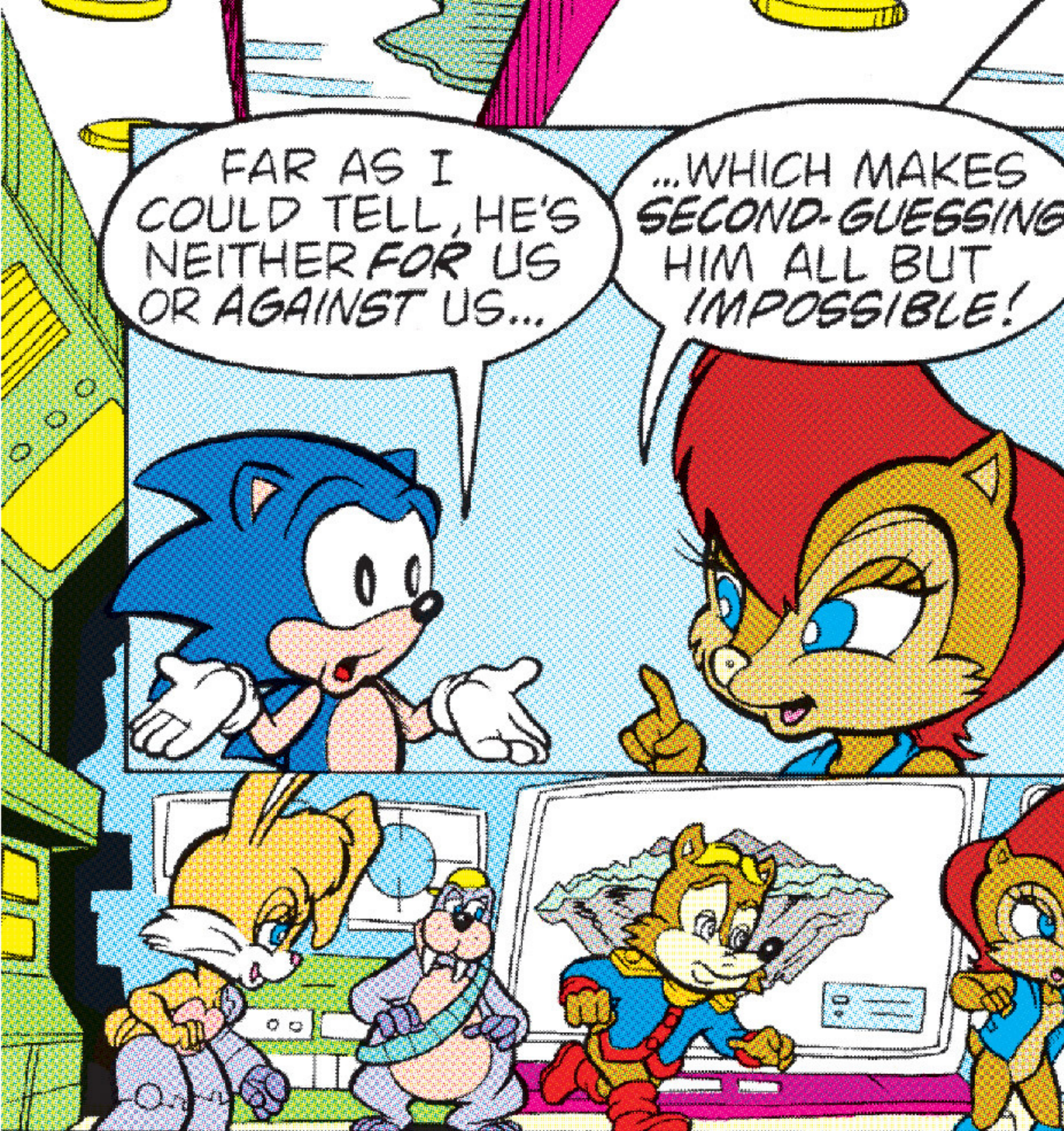


HMMM...

WHOSE SIDE IS THIS GUY REALLY ON?

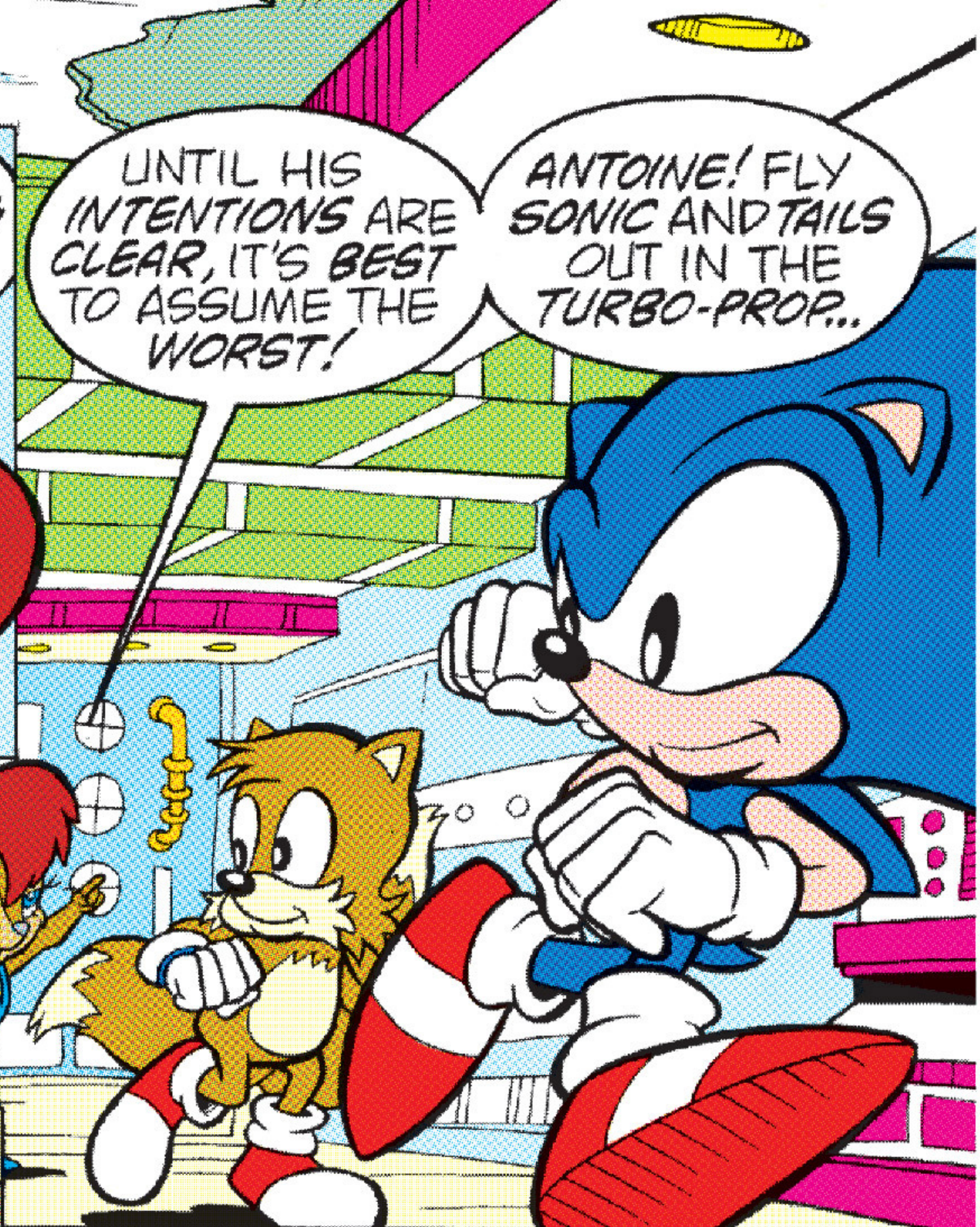
THAT'S--HARD TO SAY, SAL! FOR AN ECHIDNA...

...HE'S ONE STRANGE DUDE!



FAR AS I COULD TELL, HE'S NEITHER FOR US OR AGAINST US...

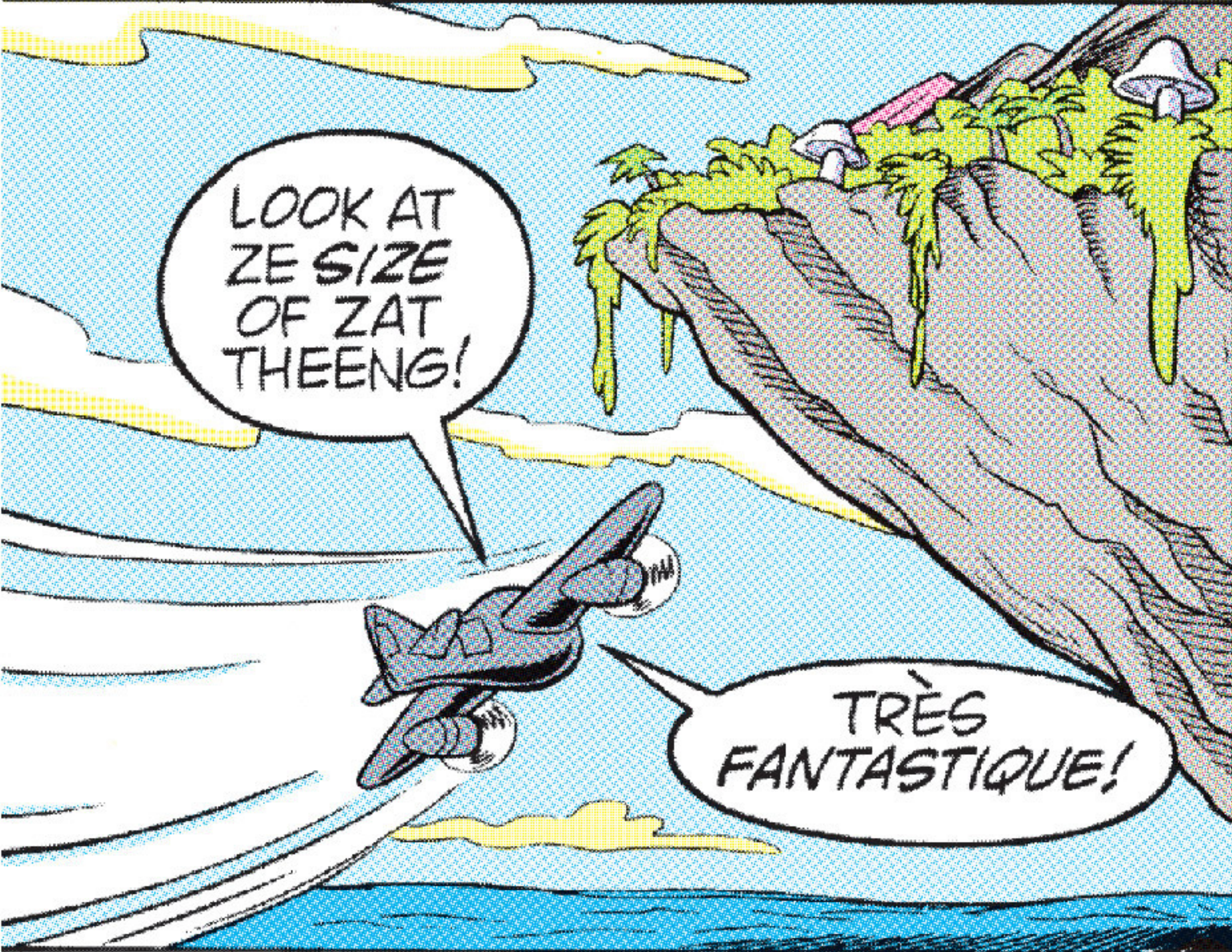
...WHICH MAKES SECOND-GUESSING HIM ALL BUT IMPOSSIBLE!



UNTIL HIS INTENTIONS ARE CLEAR, IT'S BEST TO ASSUME THE WORST!

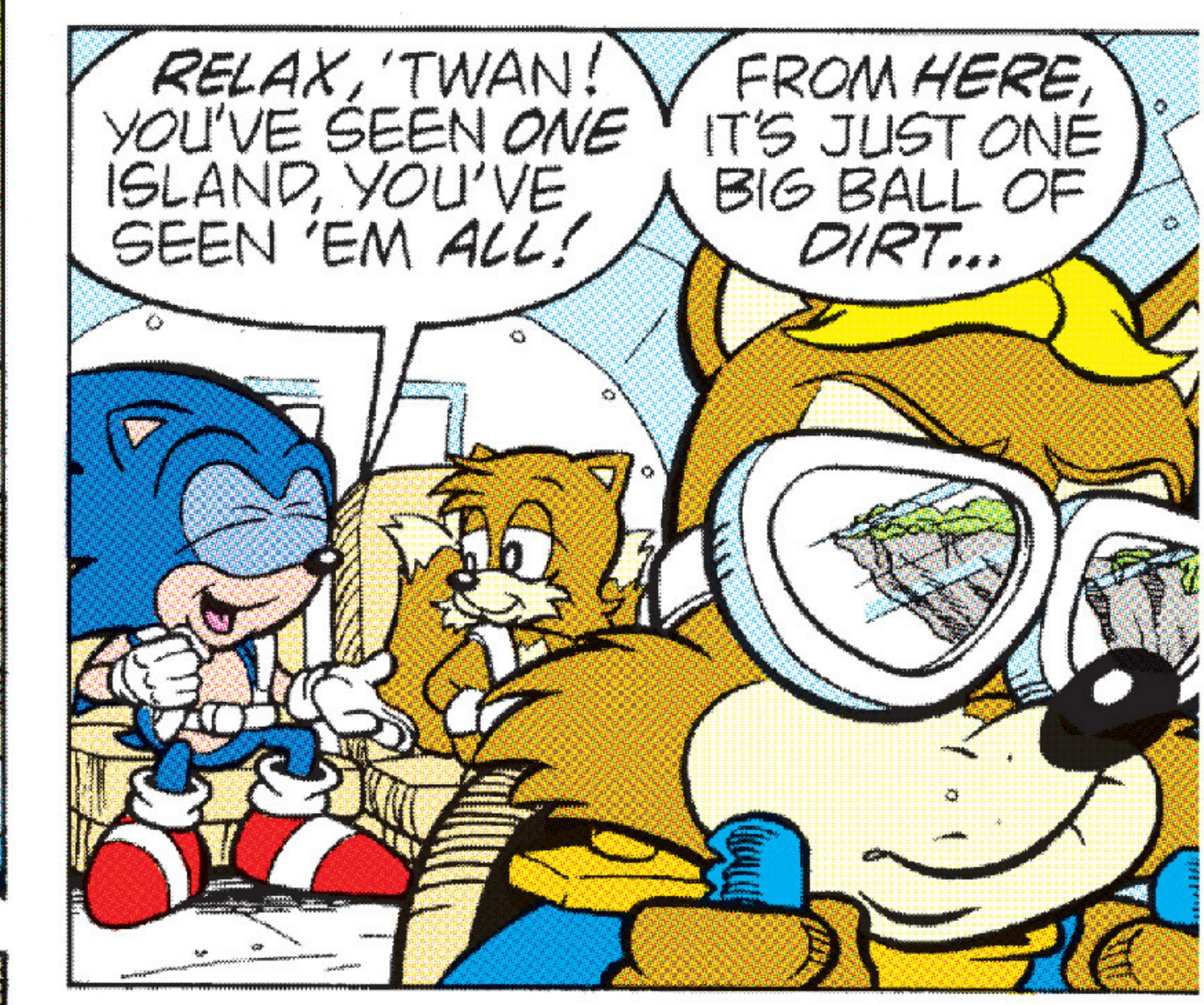
ANTOINE! FLY SONIC AND TAILS OUT IN THE TURBO-PROP...

"...AND LET'S GET A CLOSER LOOK!"



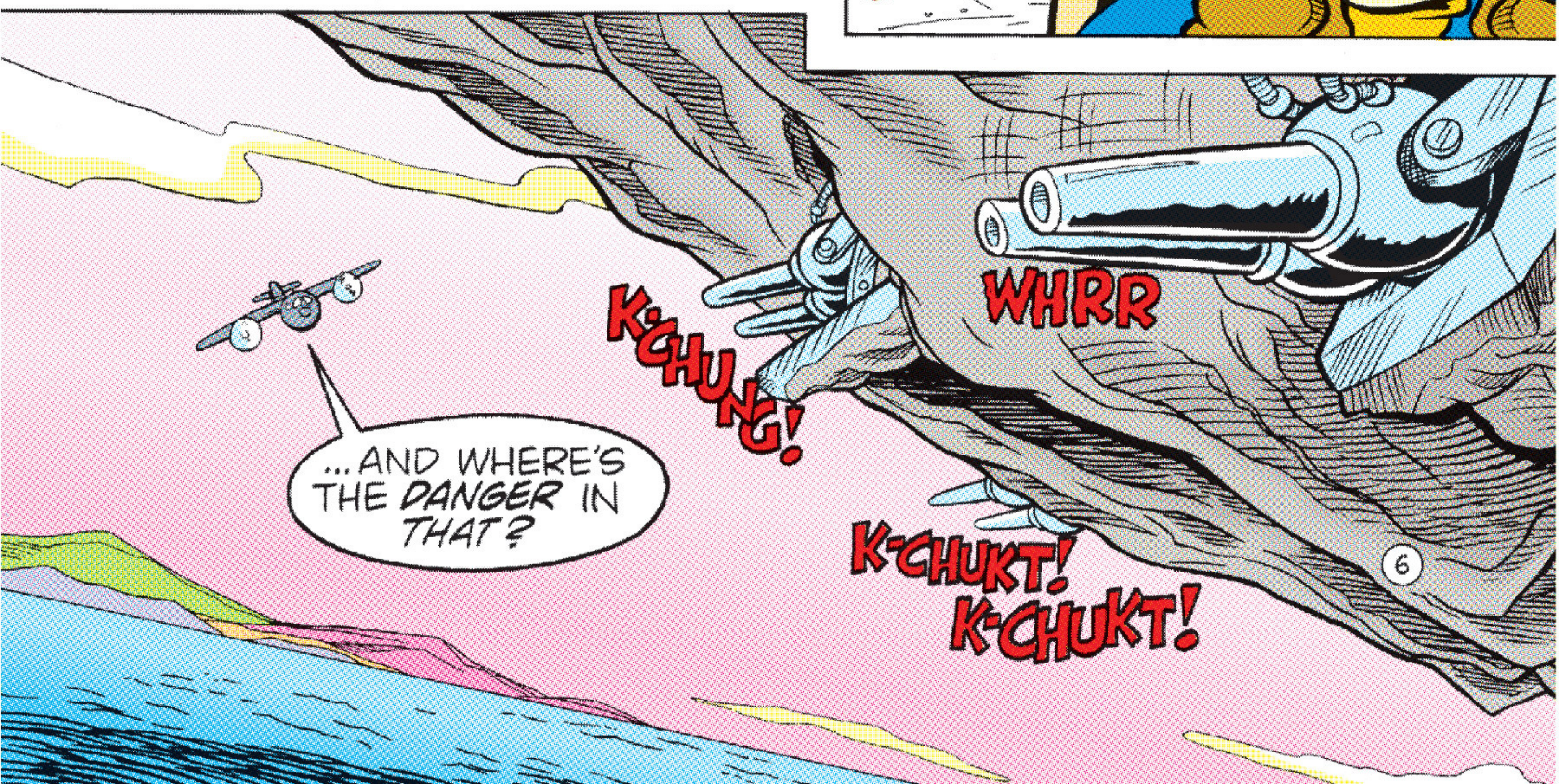
LOOK AT ZE SIZE OF ZAT THEENG!

TRÈS FANTASTIQUE!



RELAX, 'TWAN! YOU'VE SEEN ONE ISLAND, YOU'VE SEEN 'EM ALL!

FROM HERE, IT'S JUST ONE BIG BALL OF DIRT...



...AND WHERE'S THE DANGER IN THAT?

K-CHUNG!

WHRR

K-CHUKT!
K-CHUKT!

NOT WAY
COOL!

WE'RE
UNDER
ATTACK!

PHOOM!

PHOOM!

PHOOM!

ZUT
ALORS!

I THOUGHT
YOU SAID ZIS
ISLAND WAS
UNARMED!

IT WAS...

...UNTIL
NOW!

SOMETHING
NEW HAS BEEN
ADDED!

HEAVY
ARTILLERY...

...AND
ENGINES!

TAKE US
TOPSIDE, 'TWAN!
LET'S GET TO THE
BOTTOM OF
THIS!

ZE GUNS, IT SEEMS, CANNOT BE AIMED ABOVE ZE HORIZON!

I WAS COUNTING ON THAT!

GET YOURSELF AND THE TURBO-PROP BACK TO BASE...

...WE'RE GOIN' IN!

GERONIMO!!!

NEED A LIFT, SONIC?

NO THANKS, PAL...

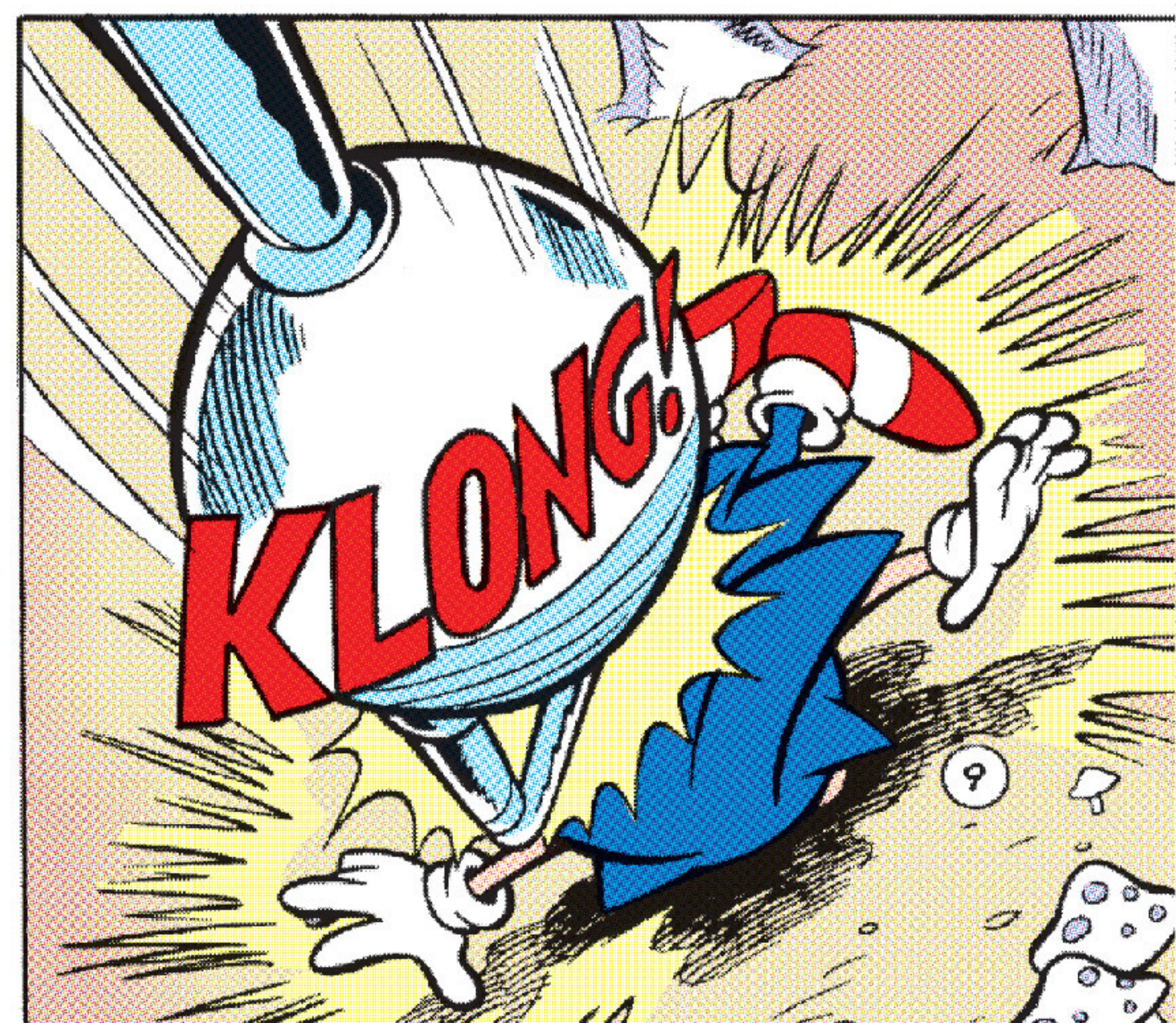
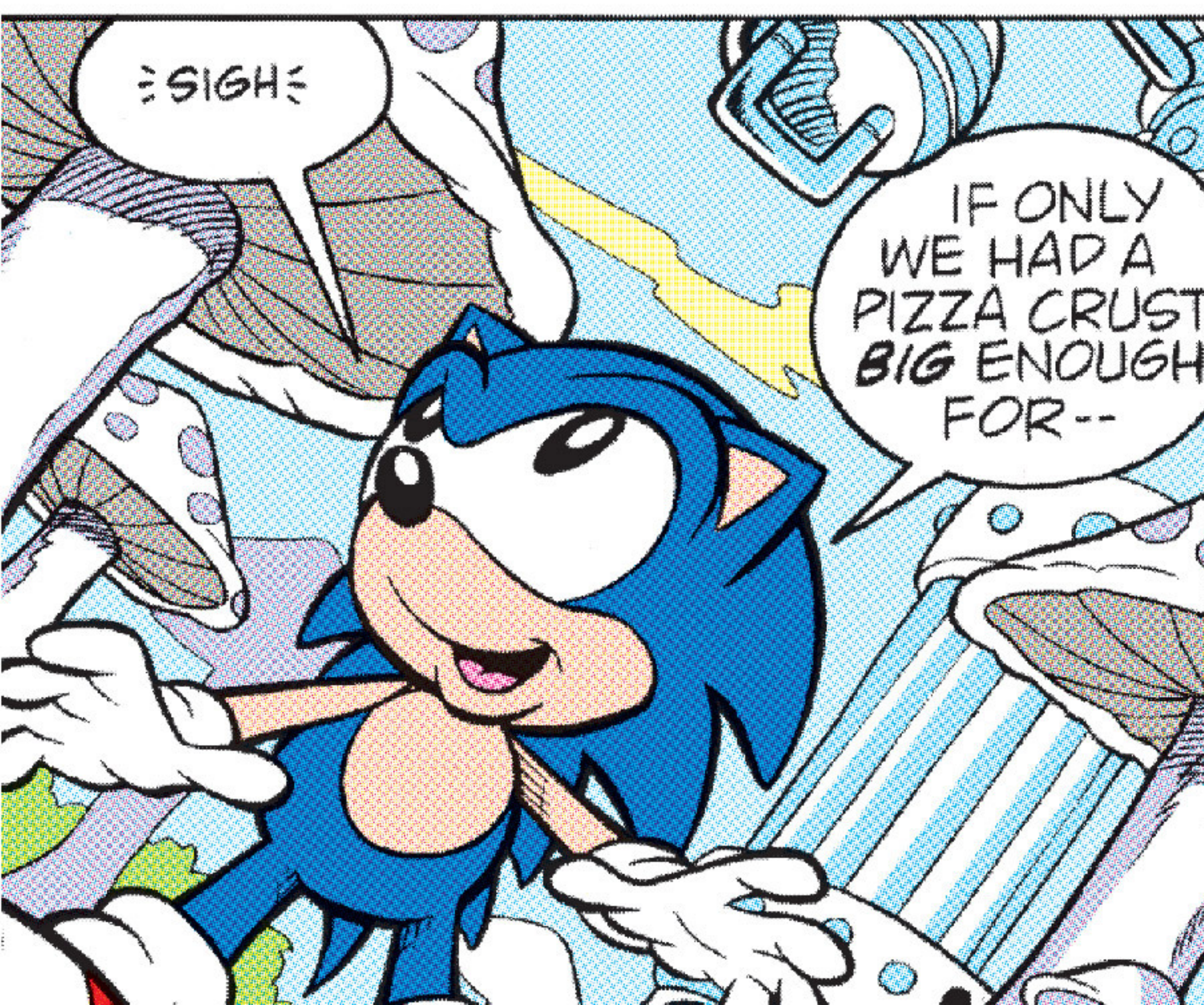
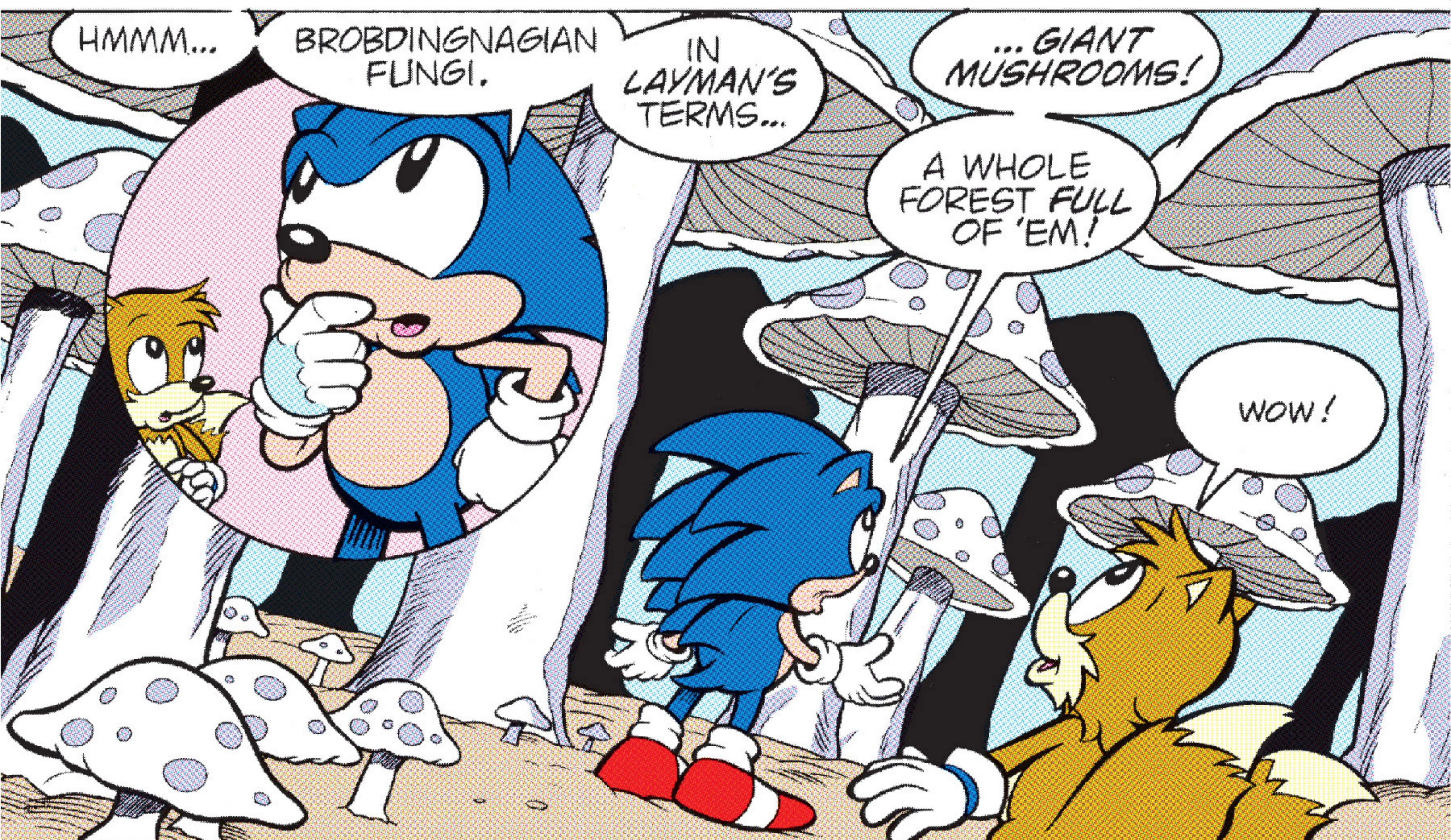
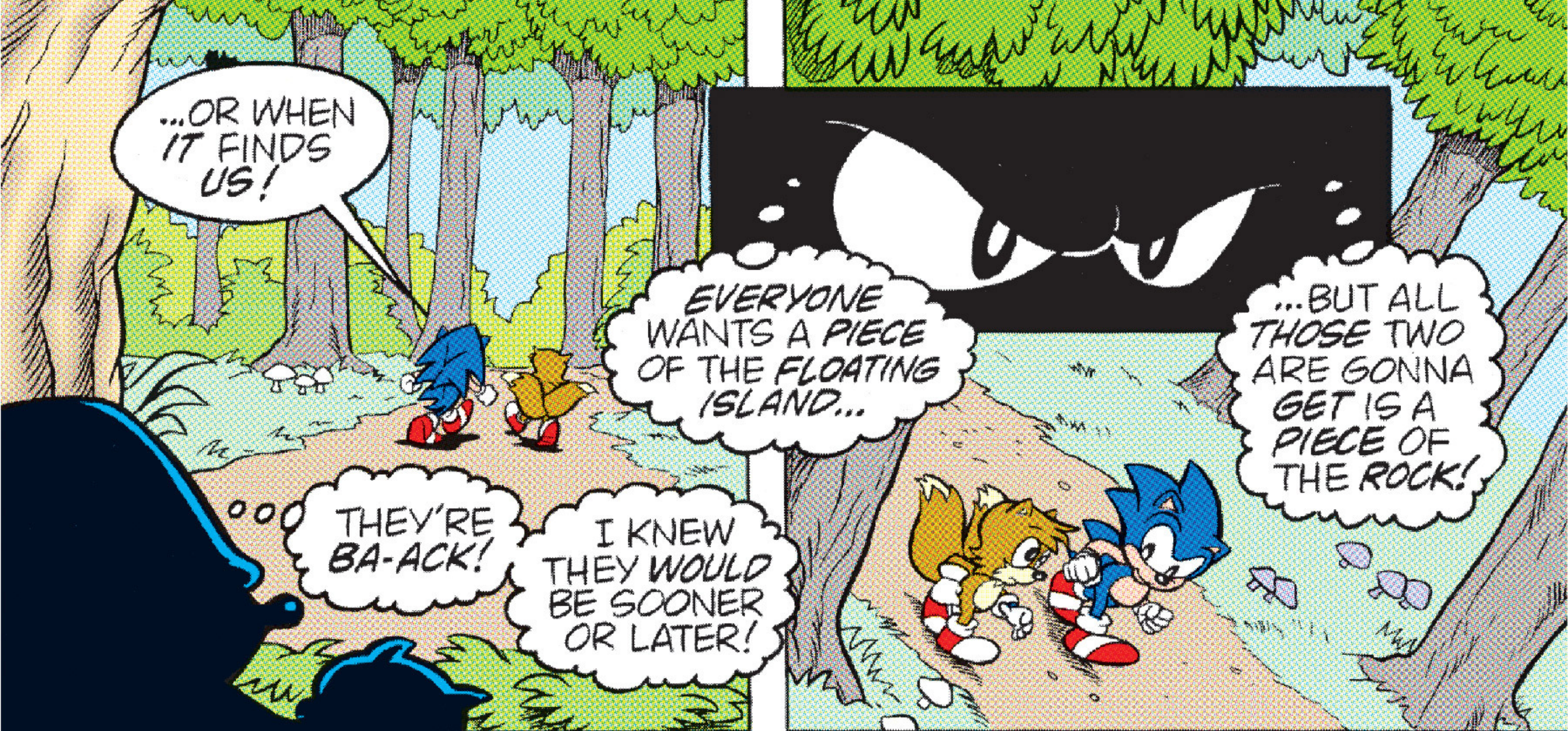
...BEING PIGGY-BACKED IS BAD FOR MY IMAGE!

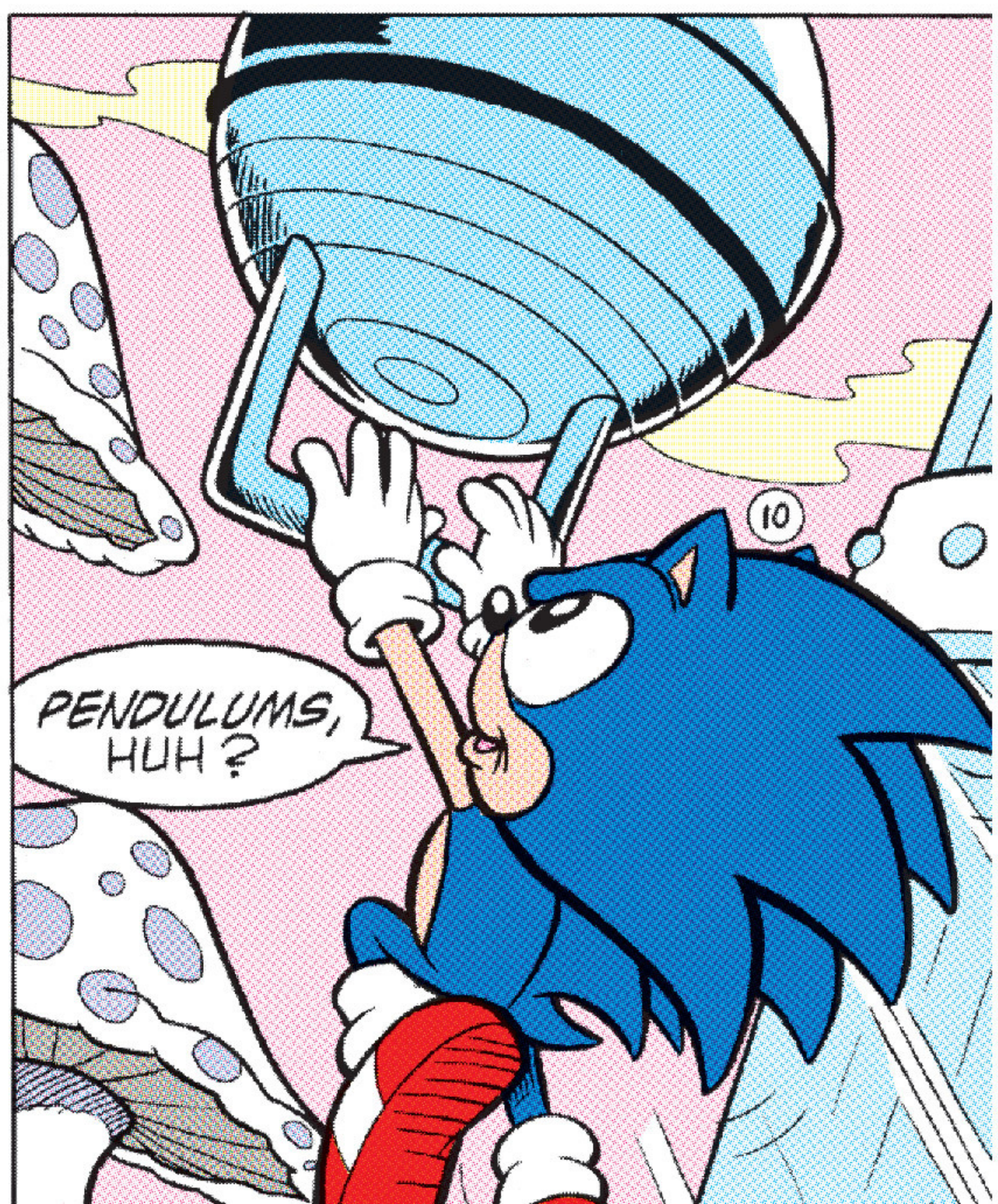
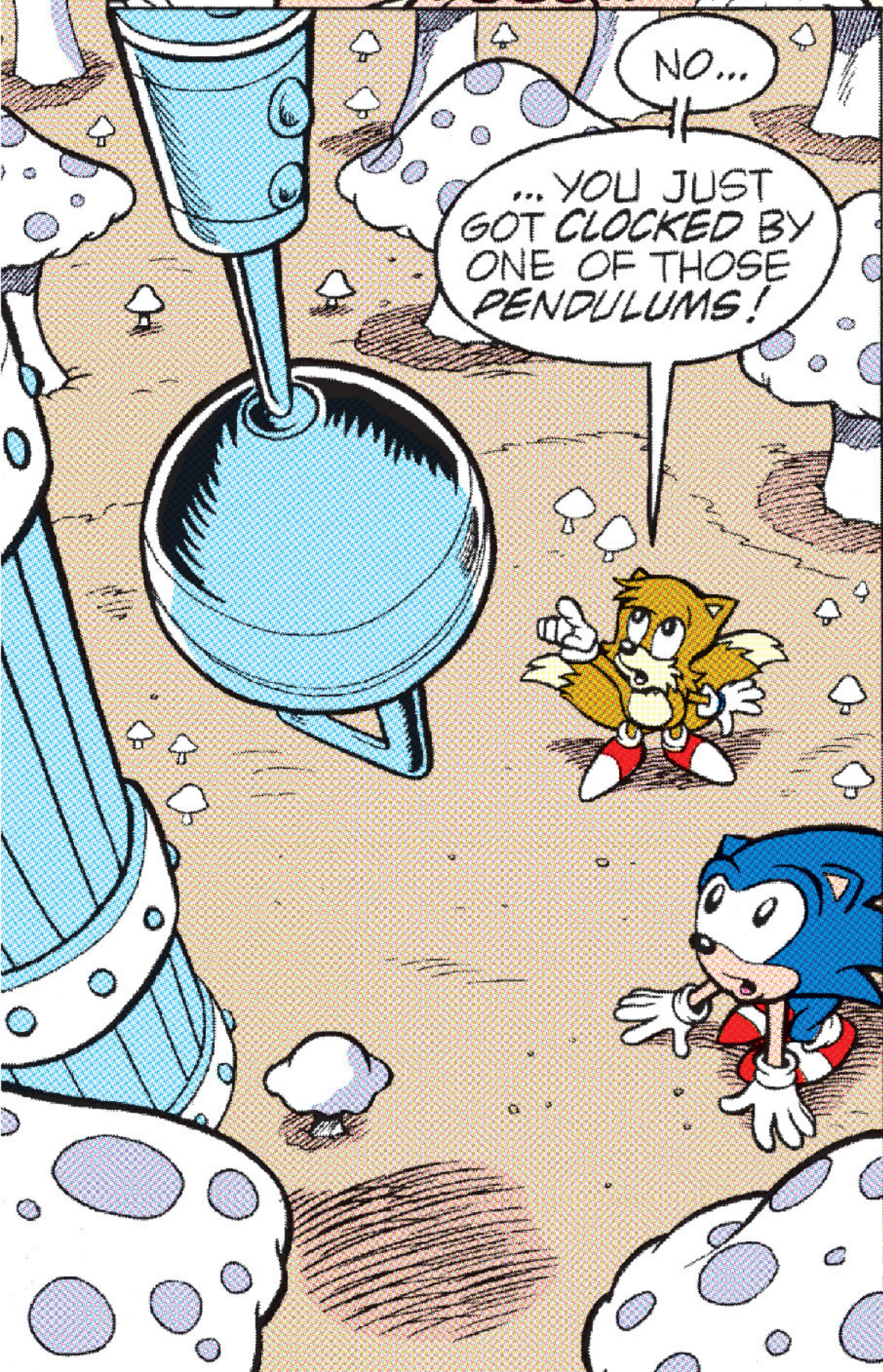
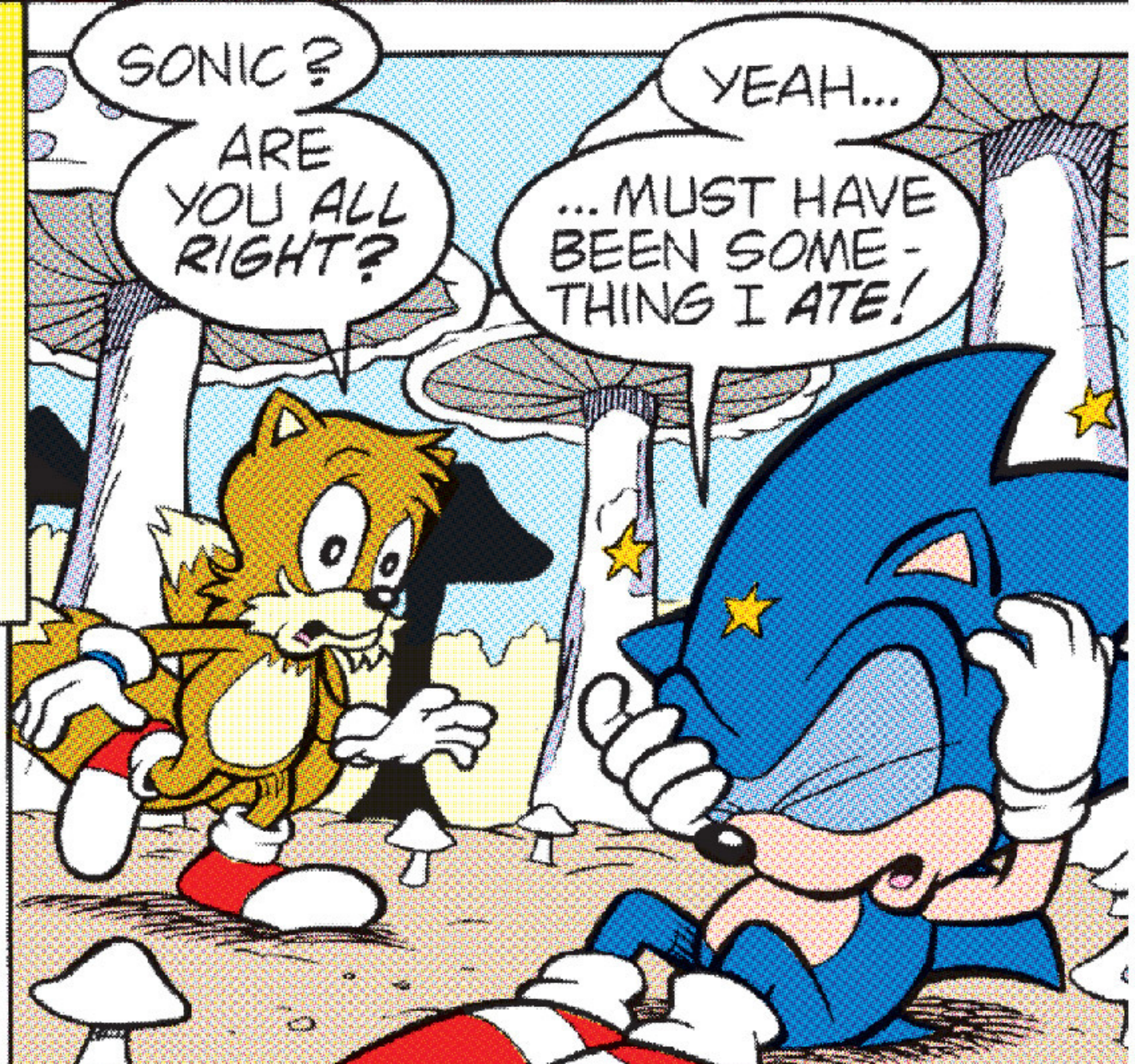
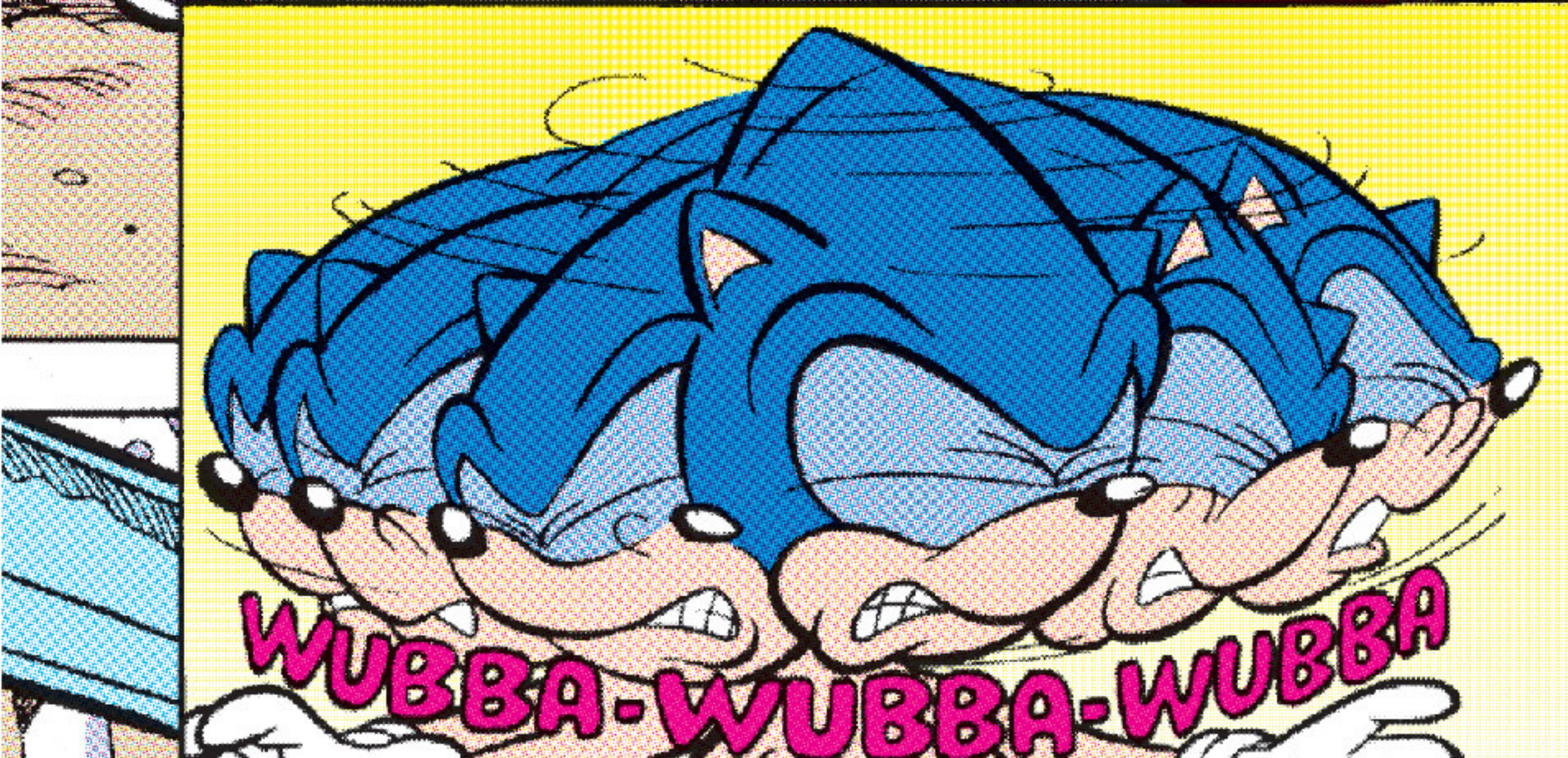
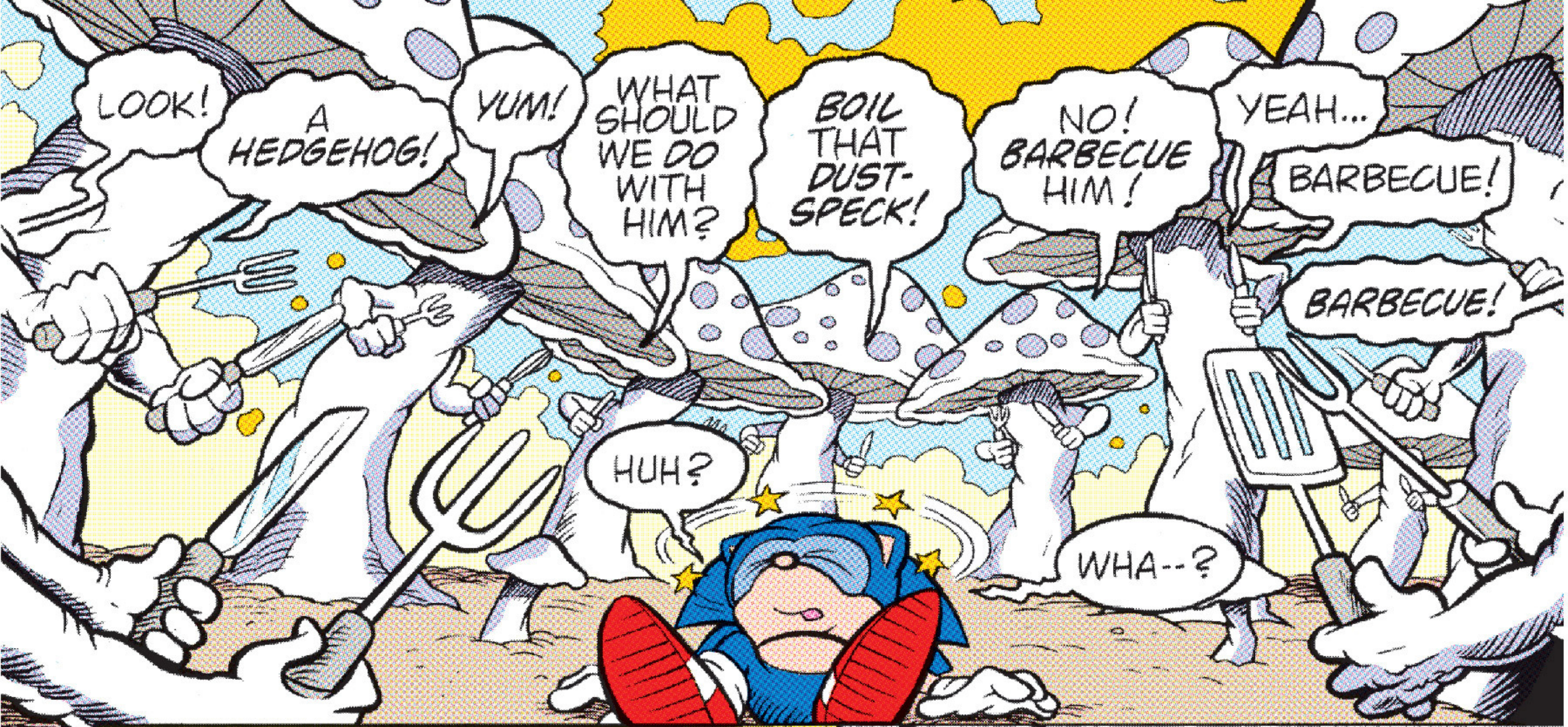
SO WHAT EXACTLY ARE WE LOOKING FOR, ANYWAY?

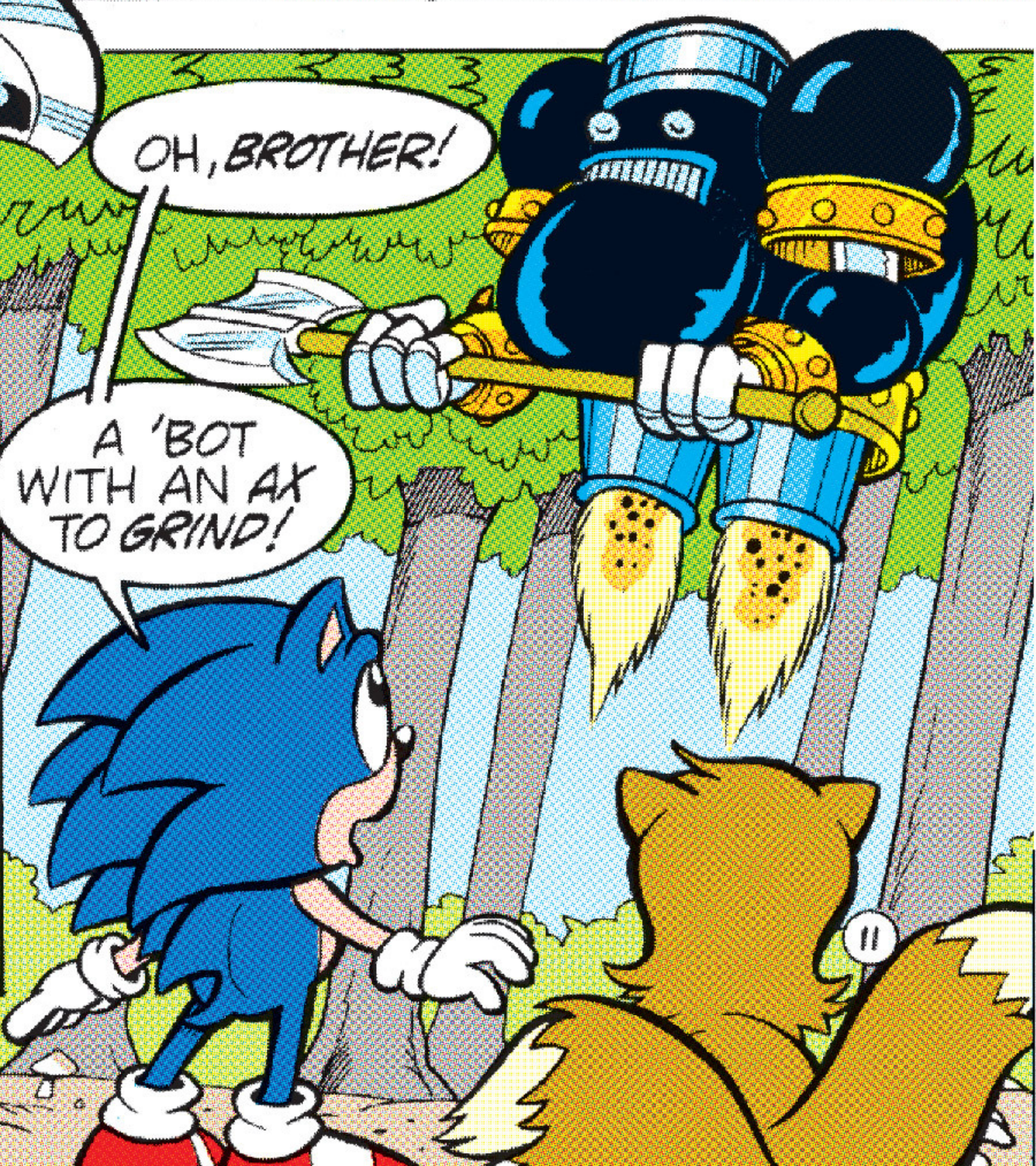
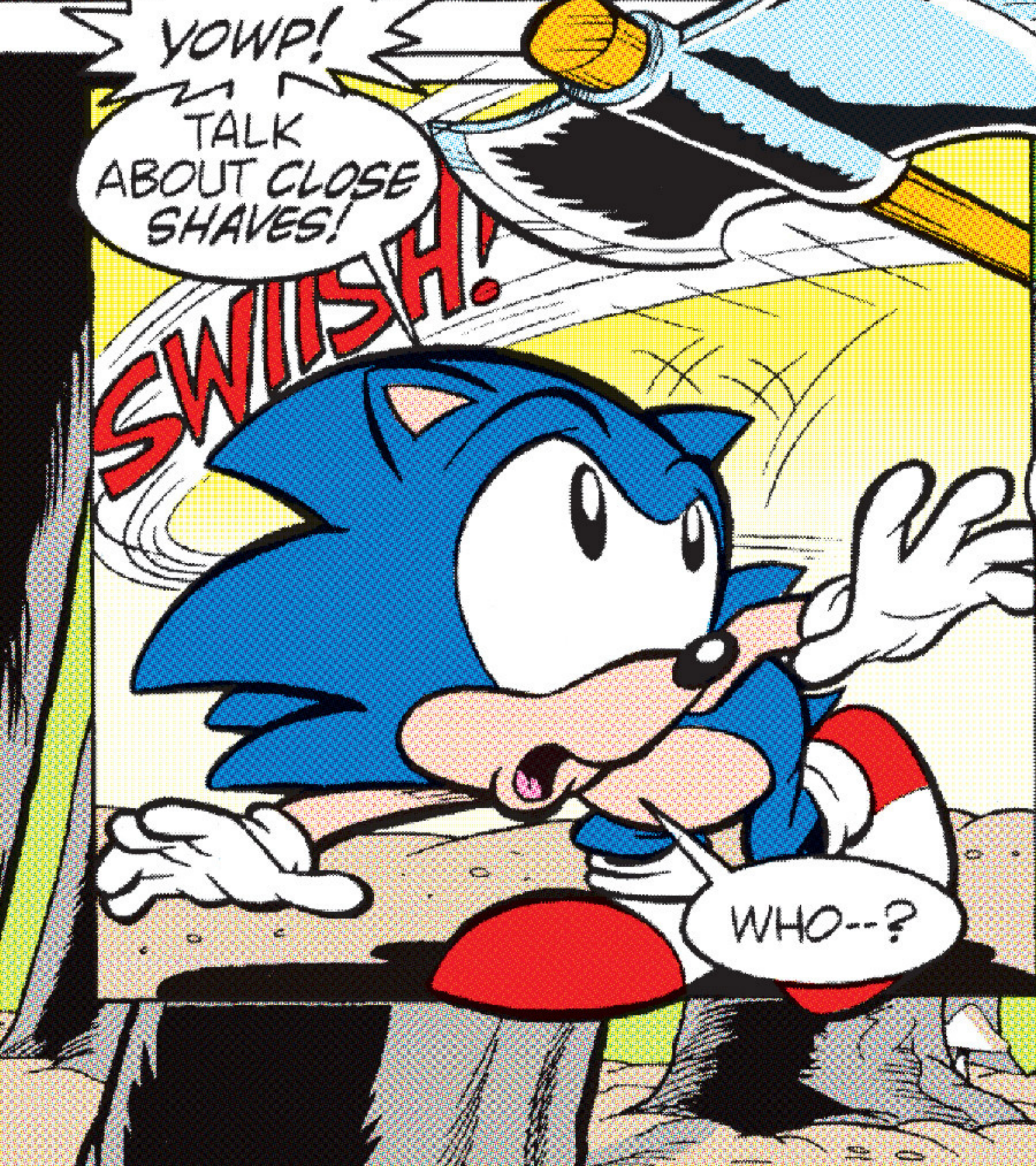
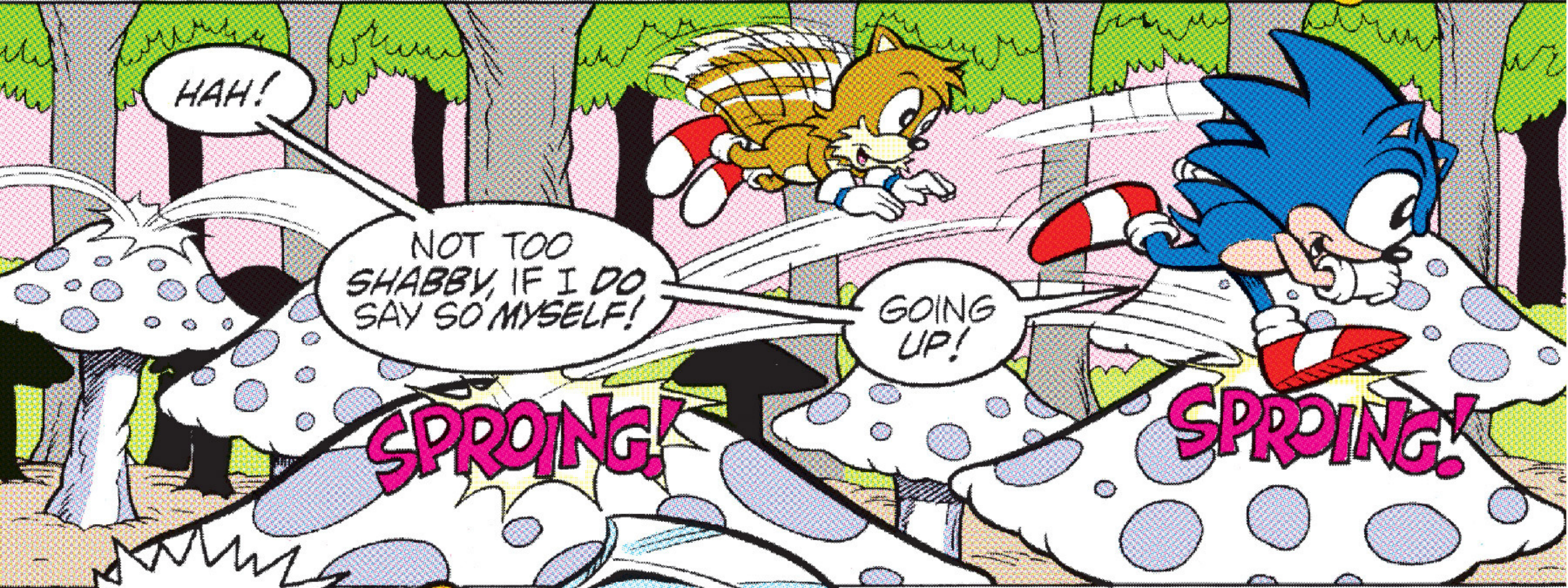
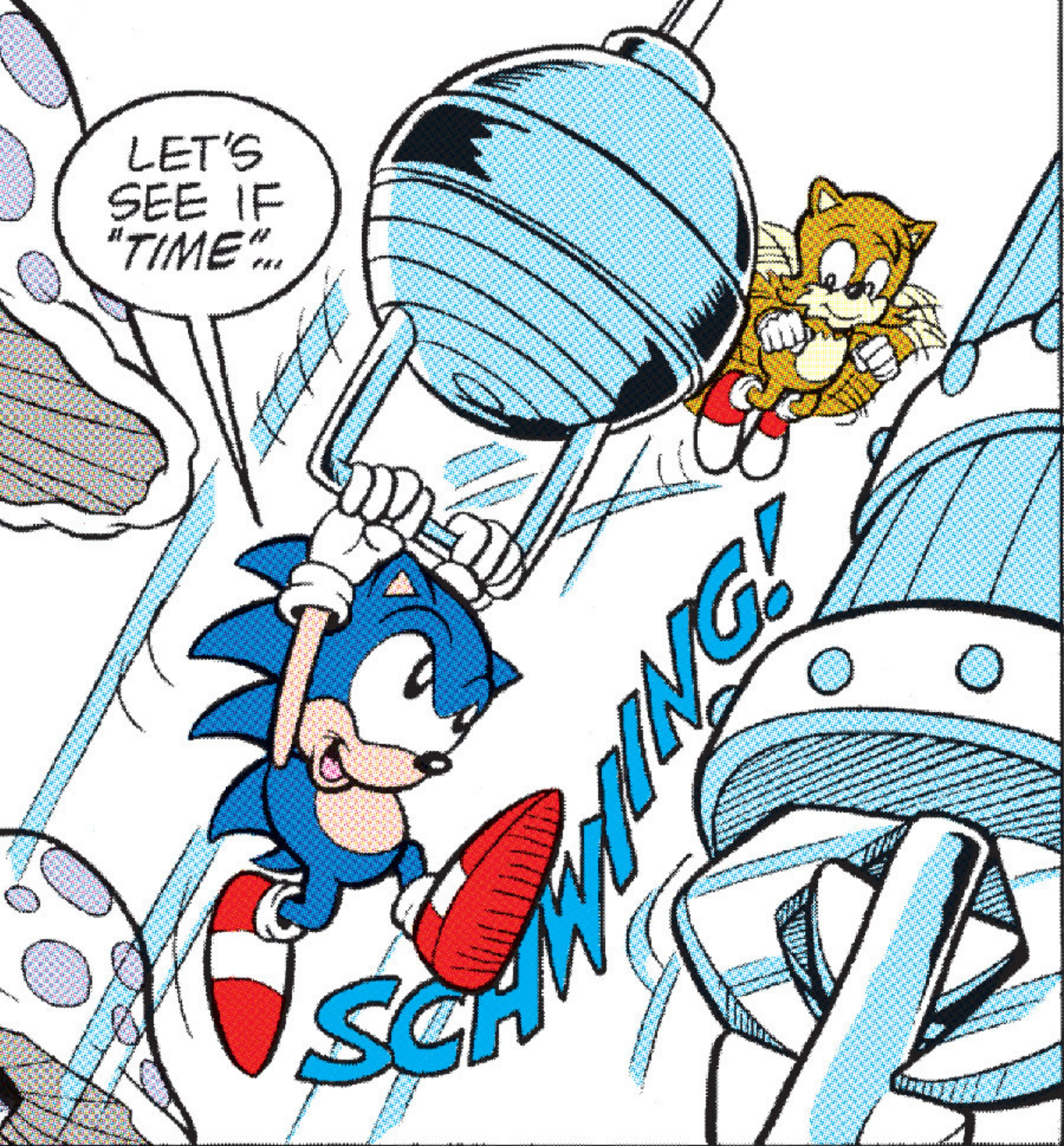
I'M NOT QUITE SURE, TAILS!

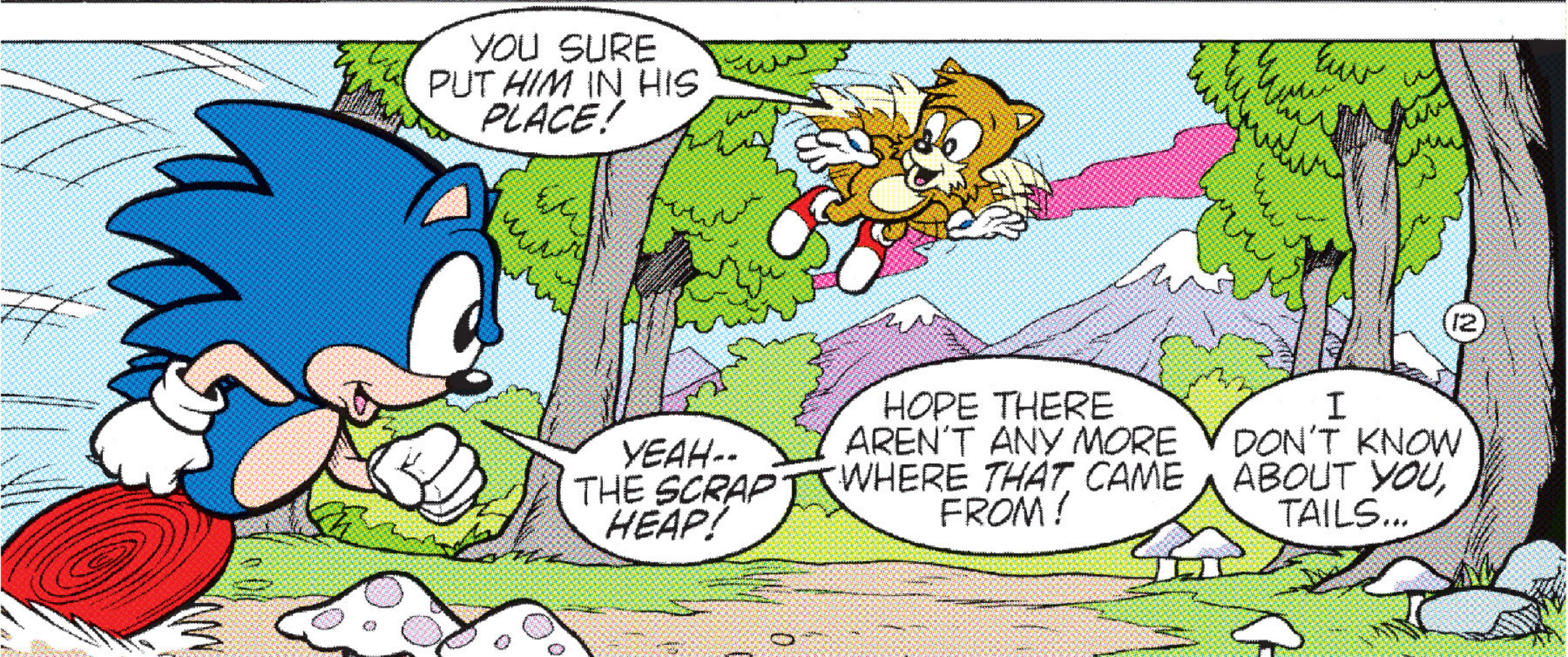
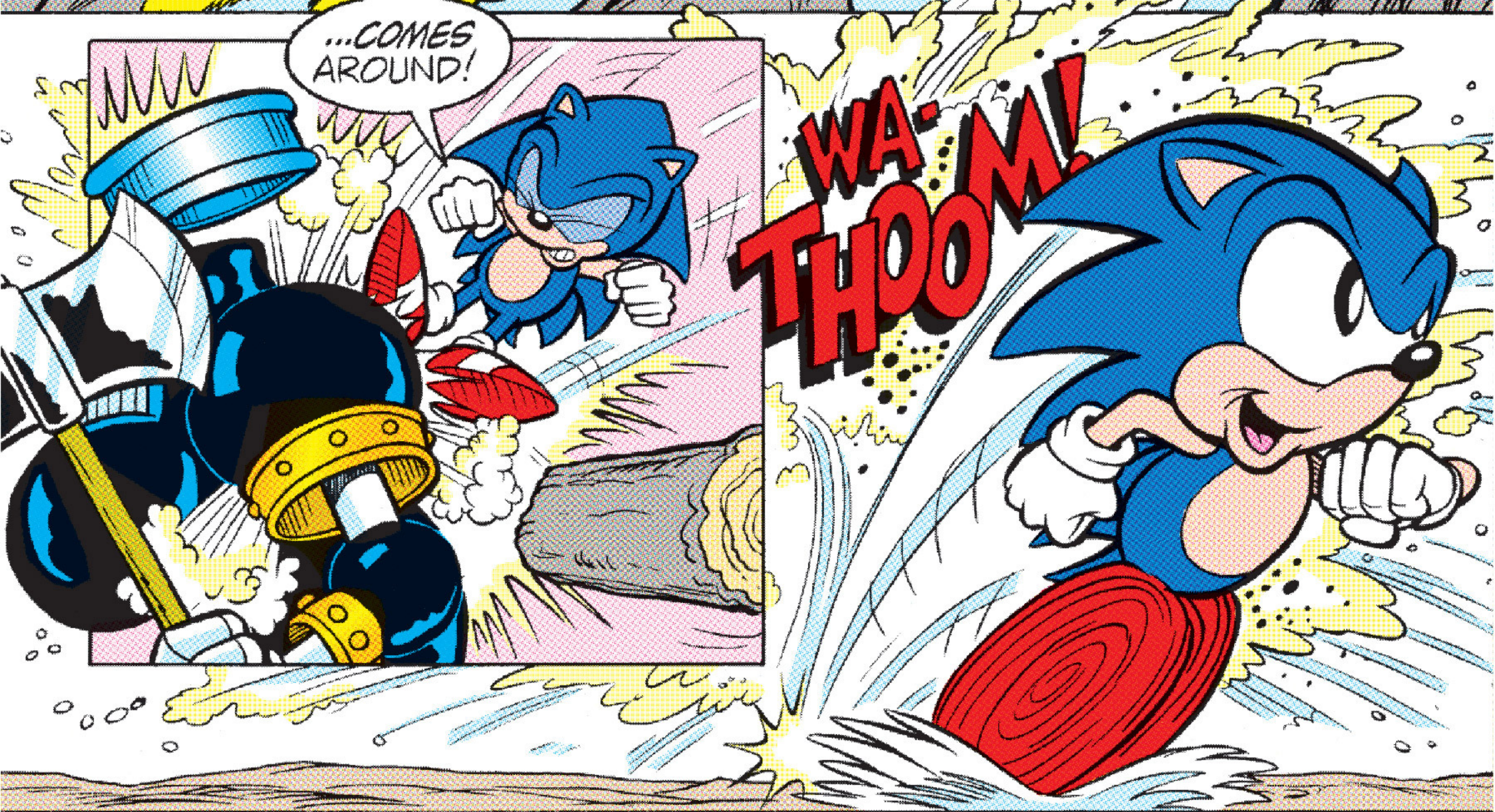
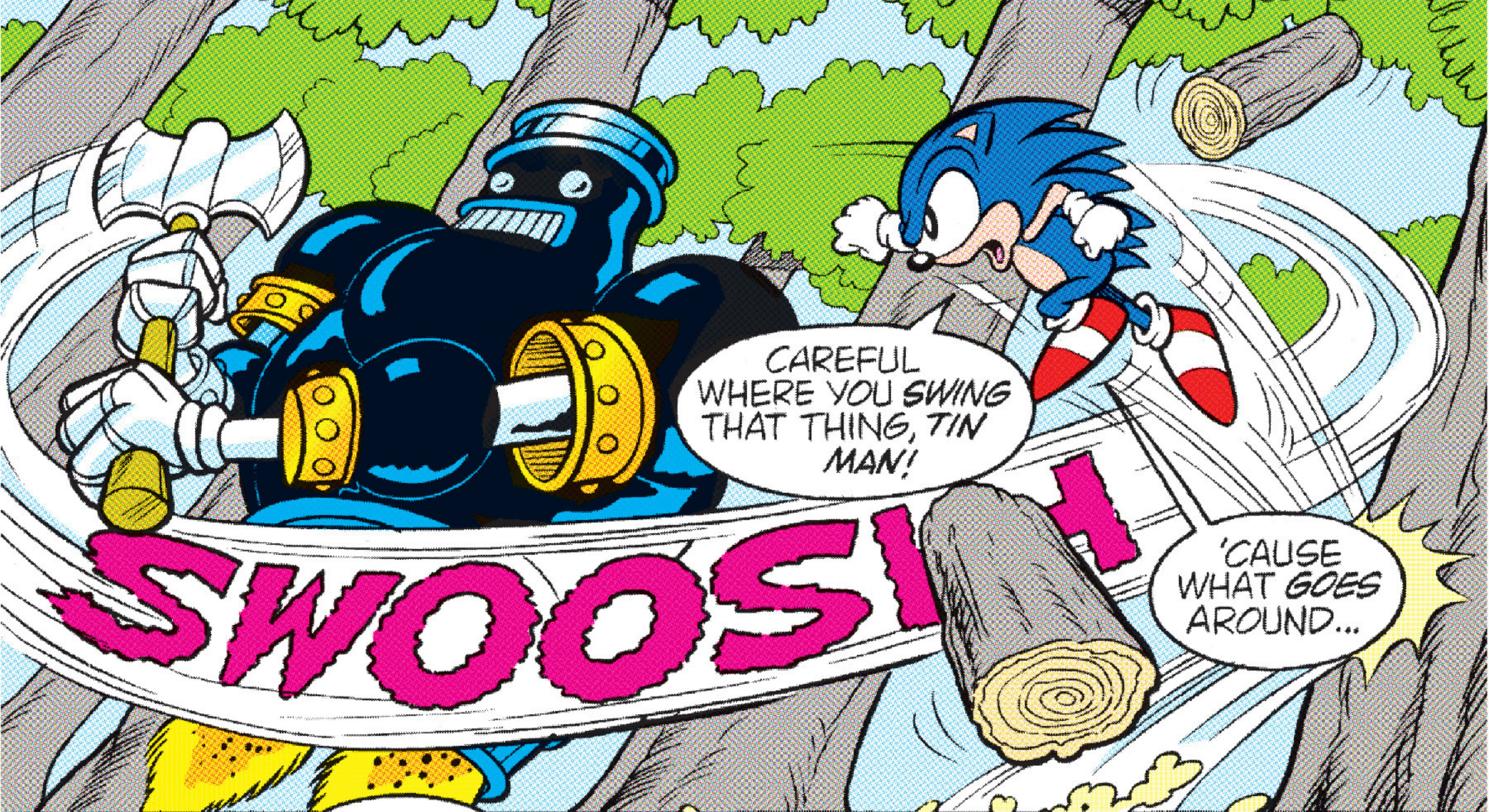
WE'LL KNOW WHEN WE FIND IT...

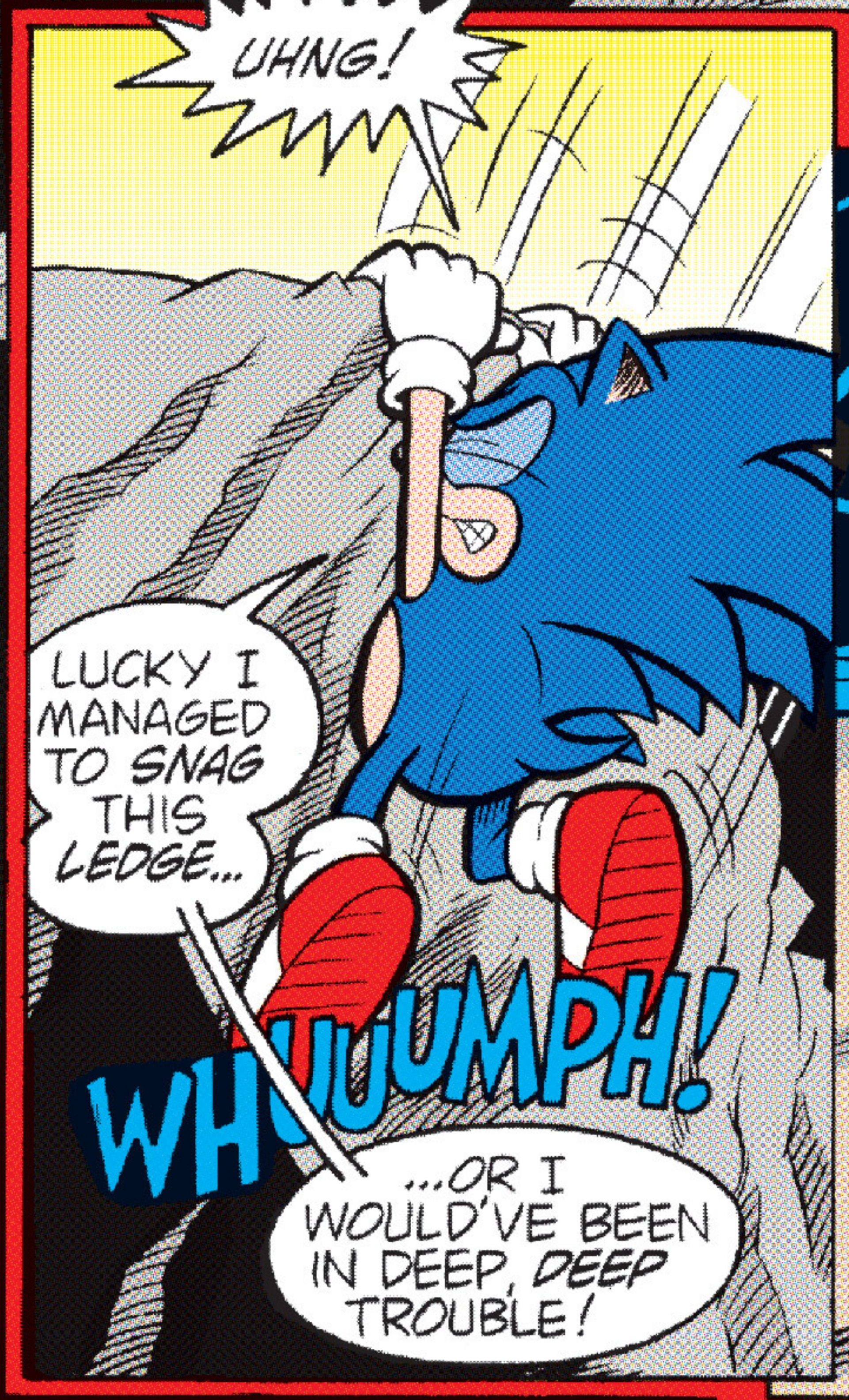
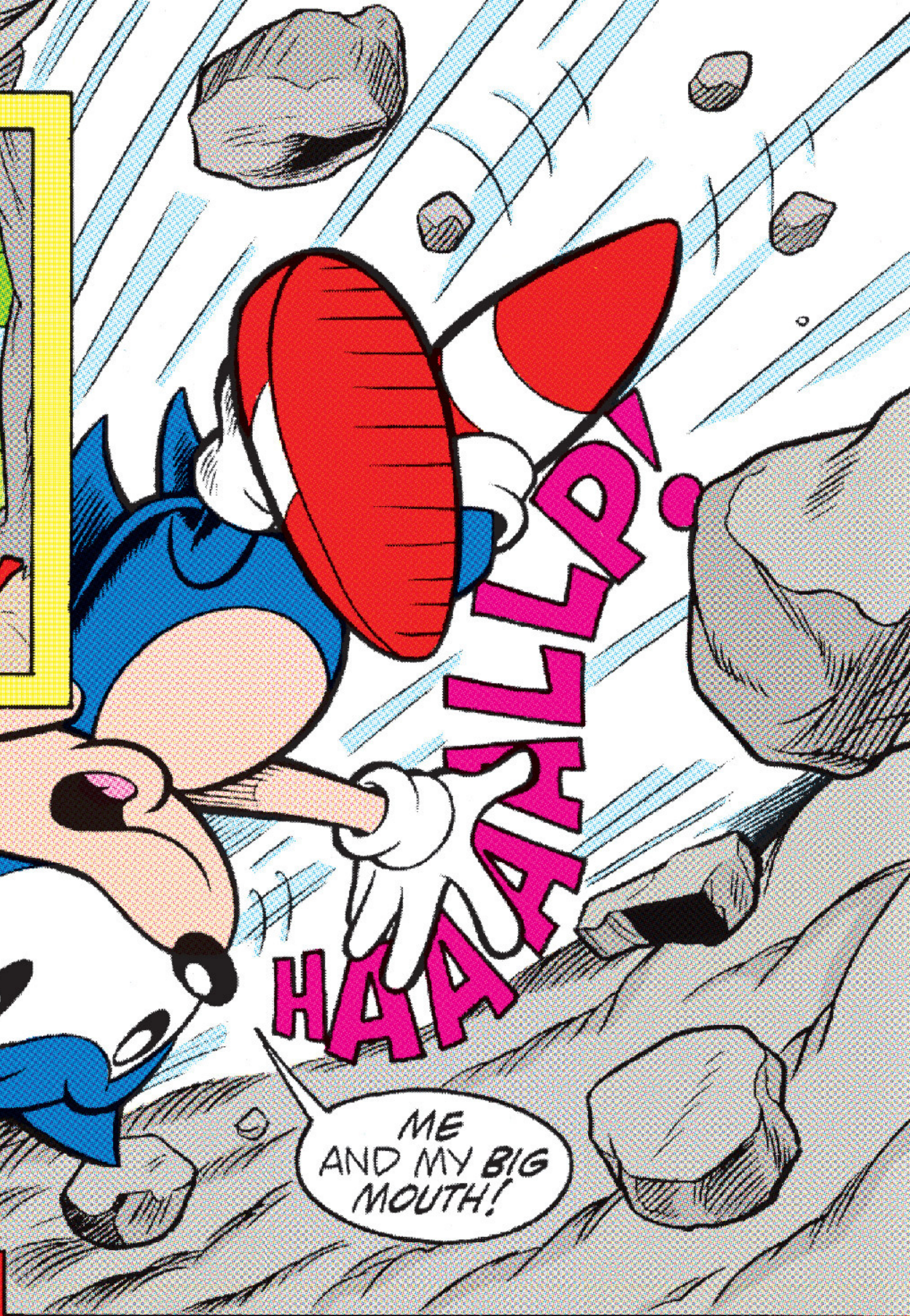
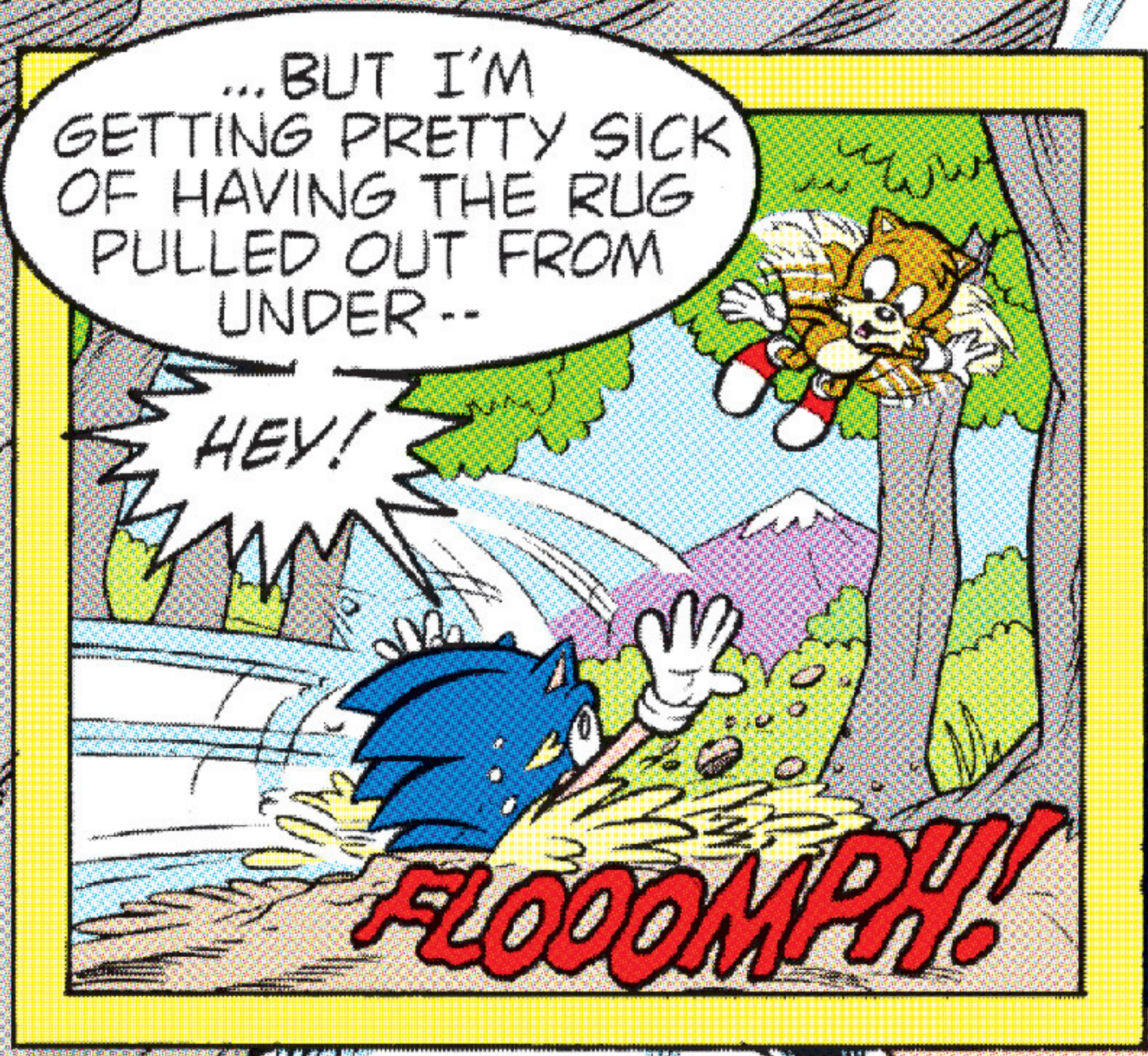
WHUUMPH!









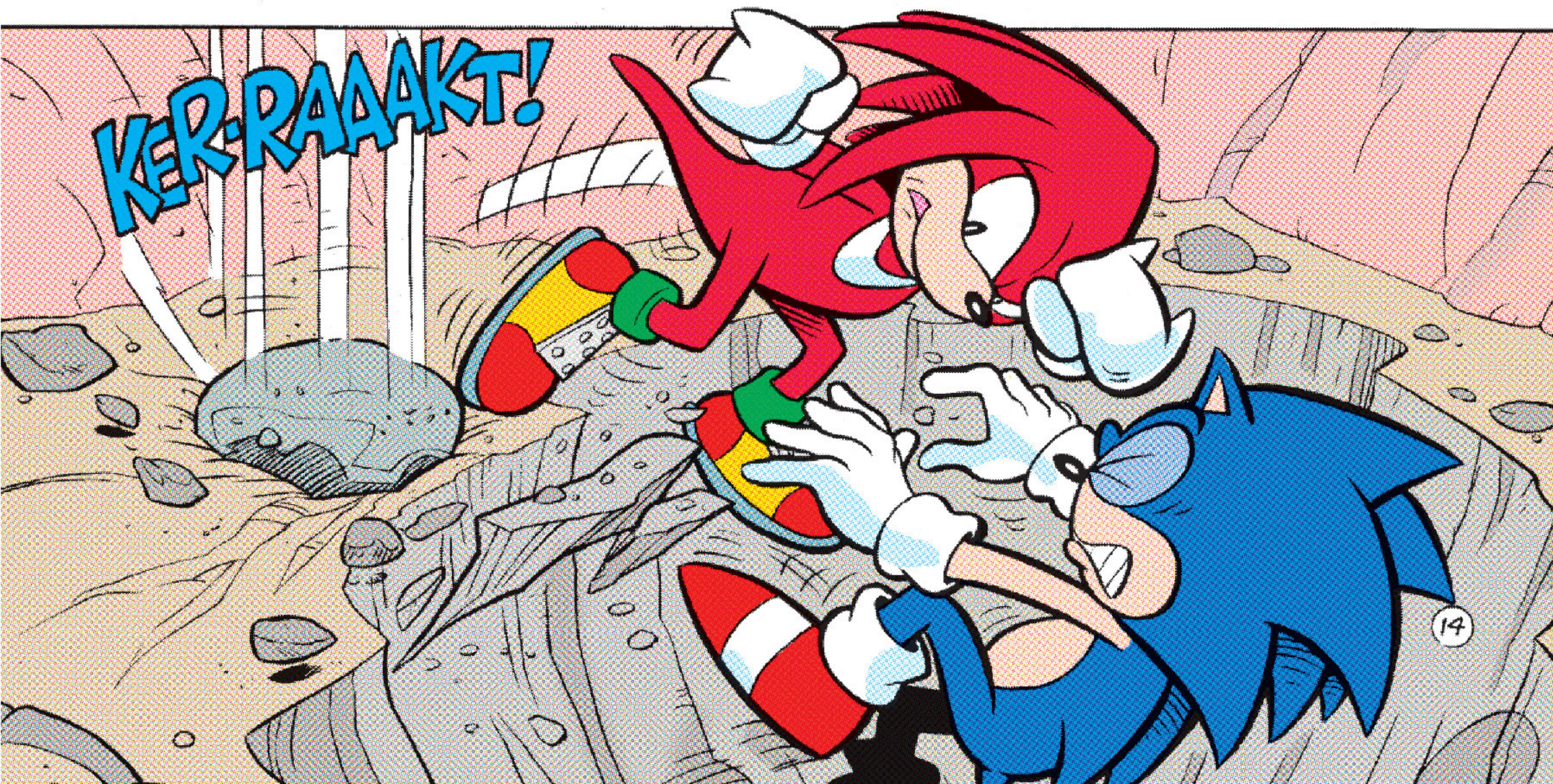
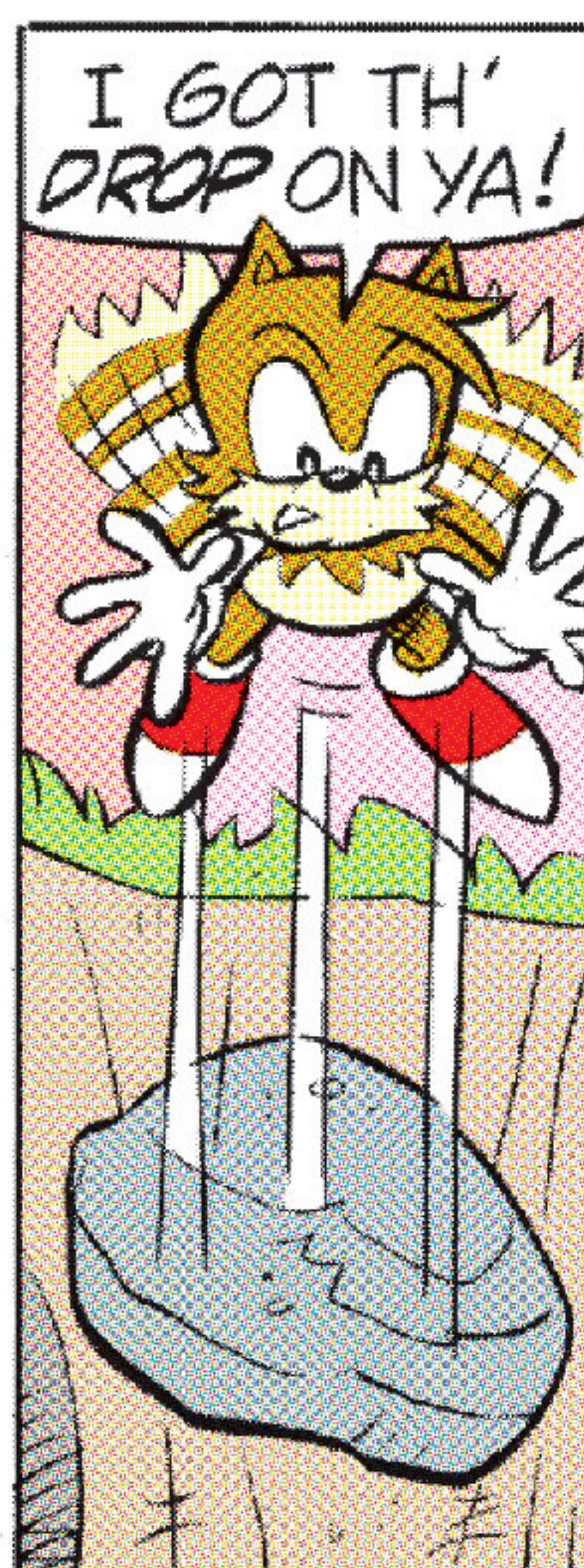
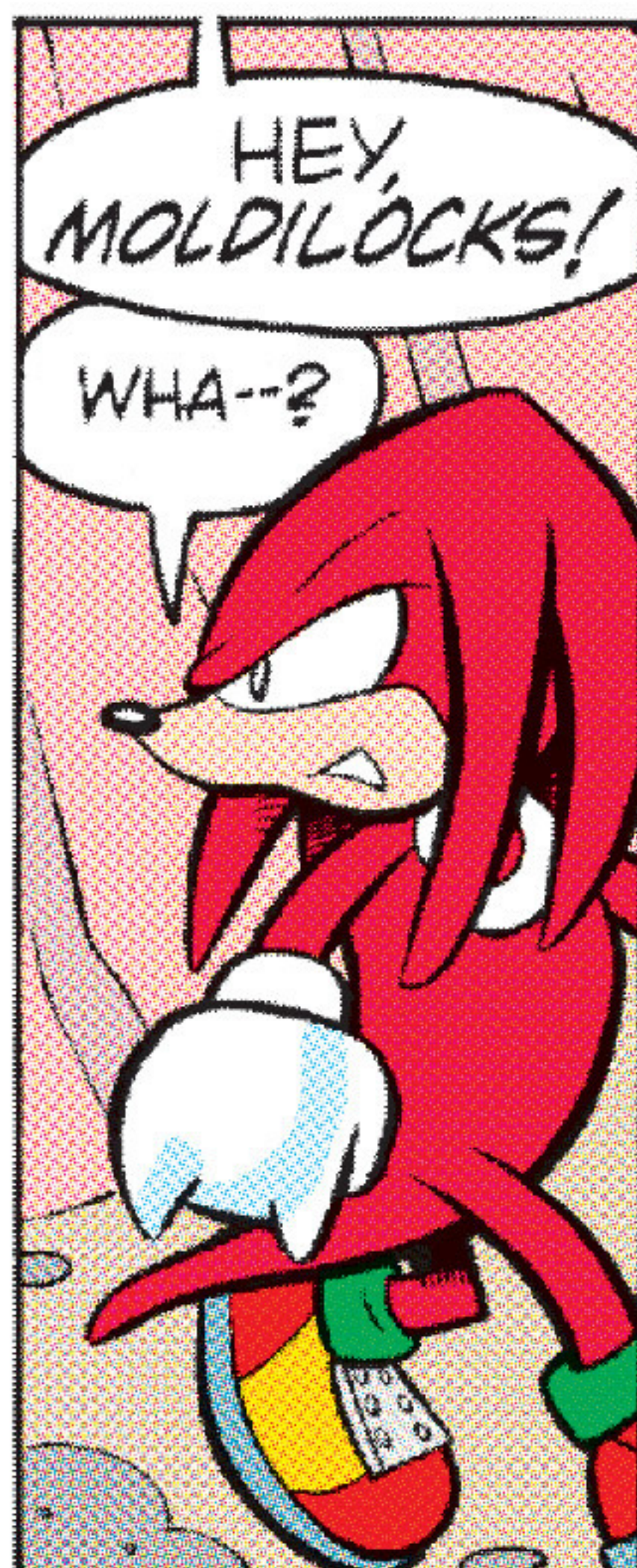
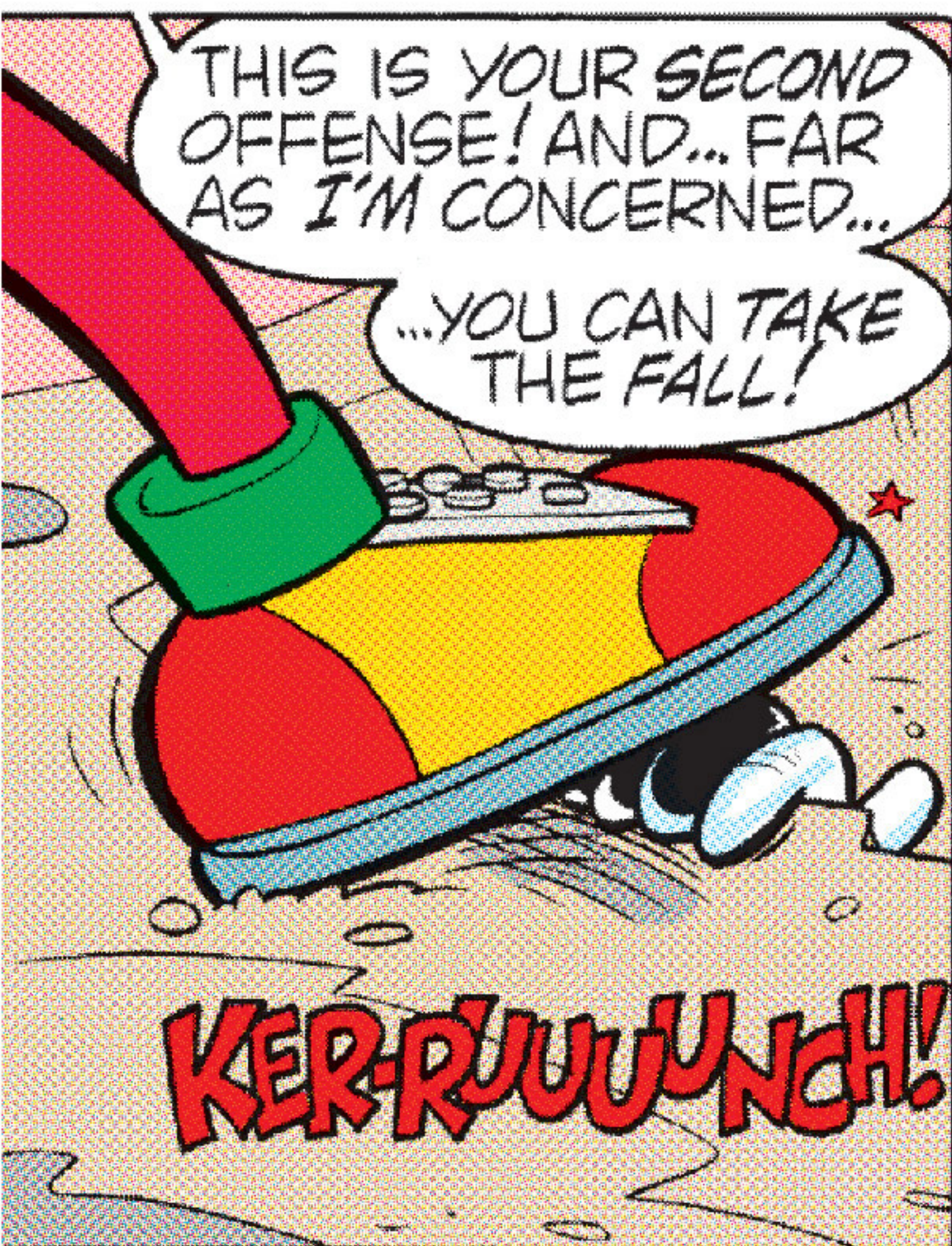
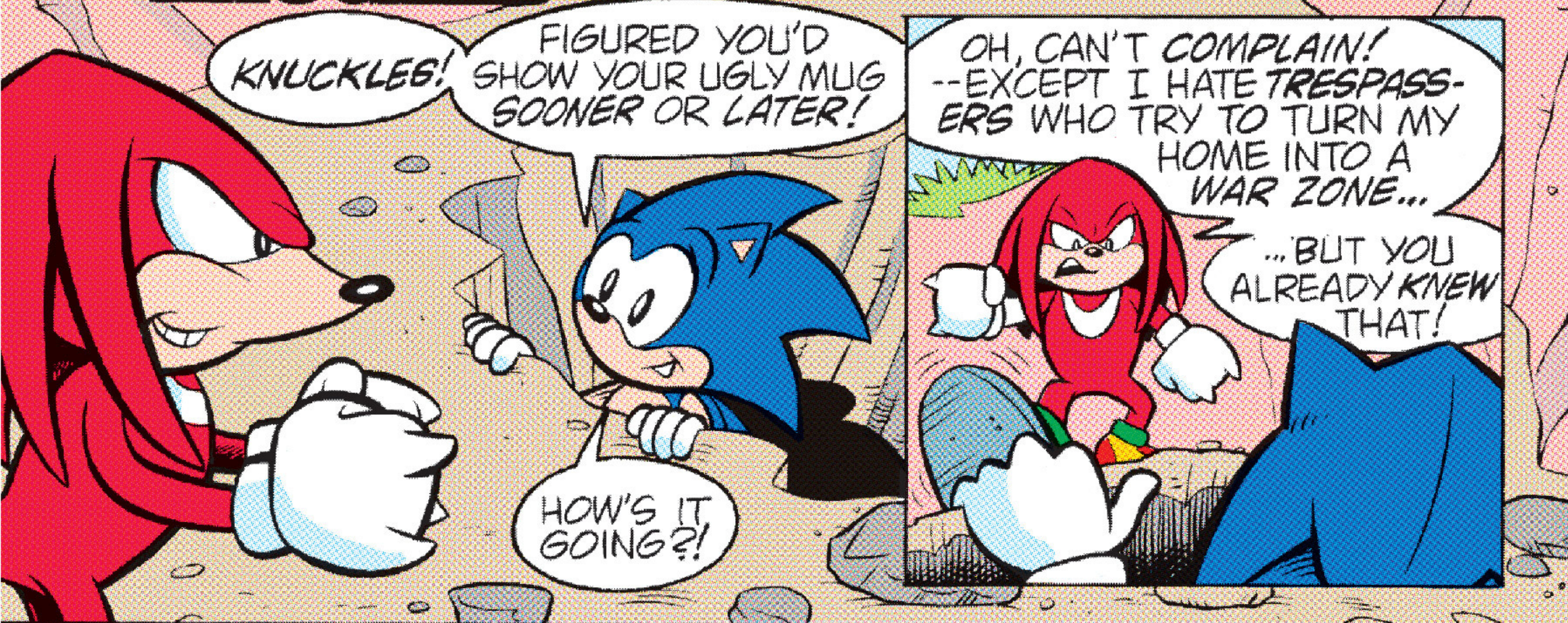


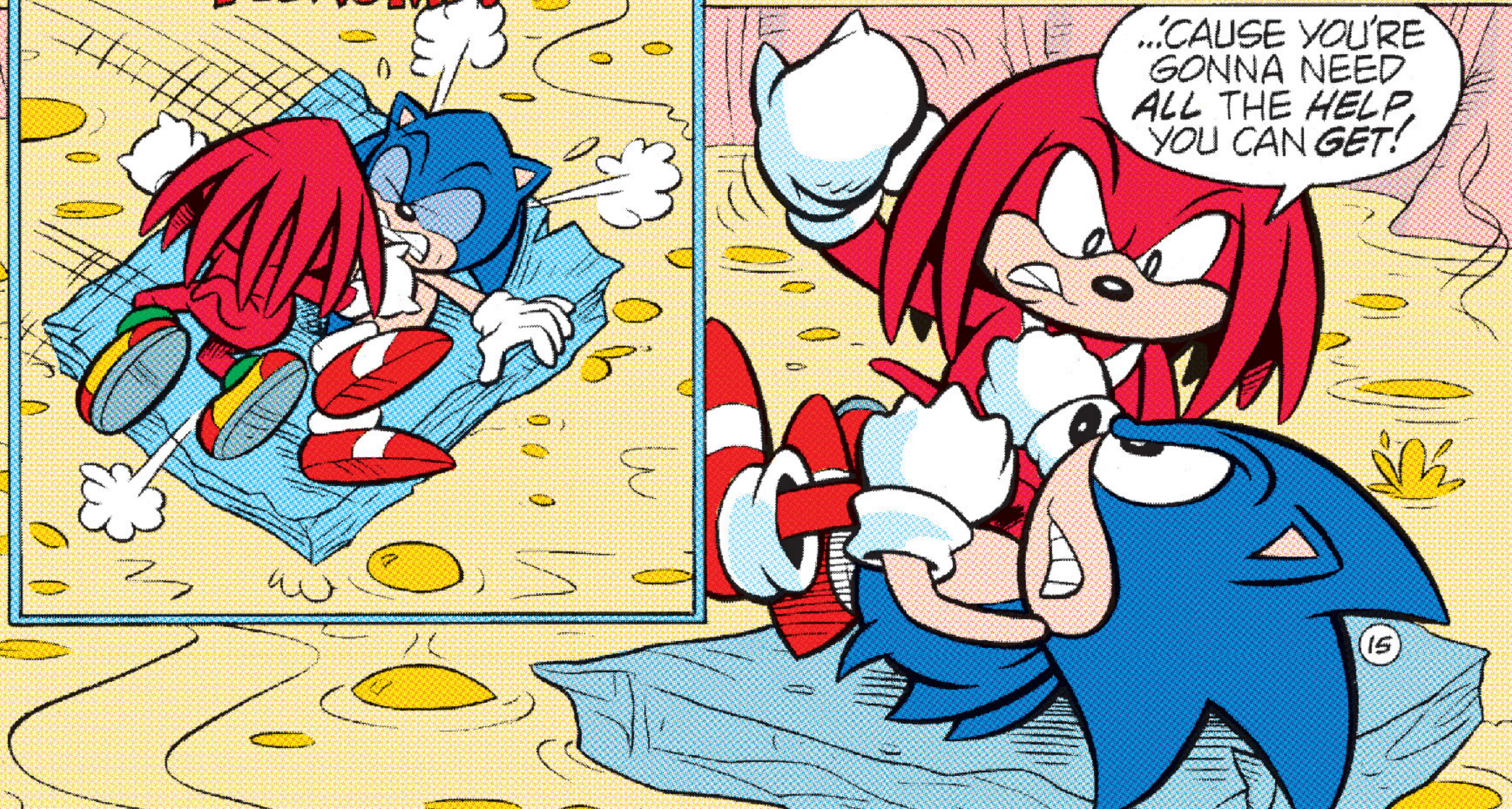
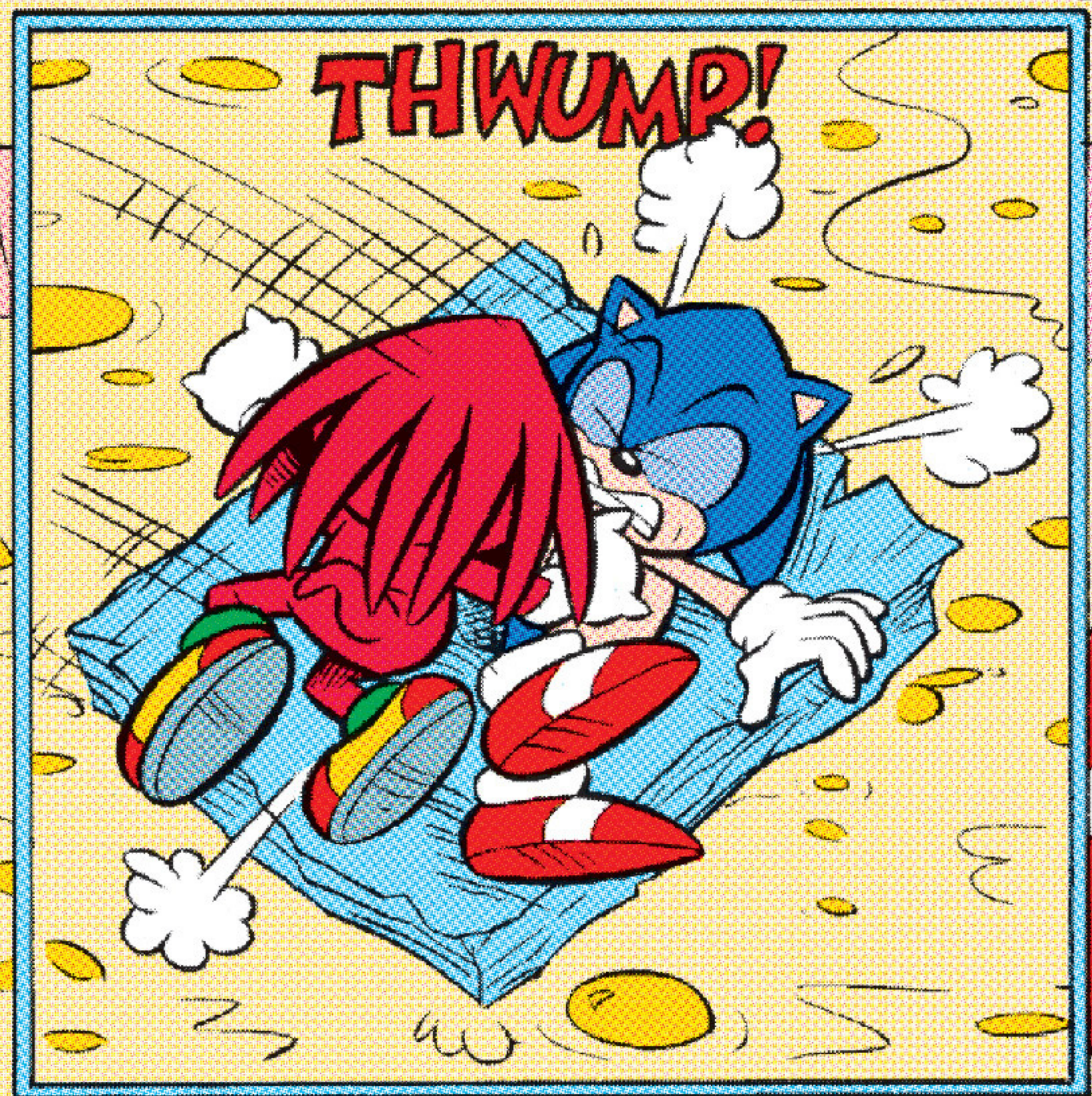
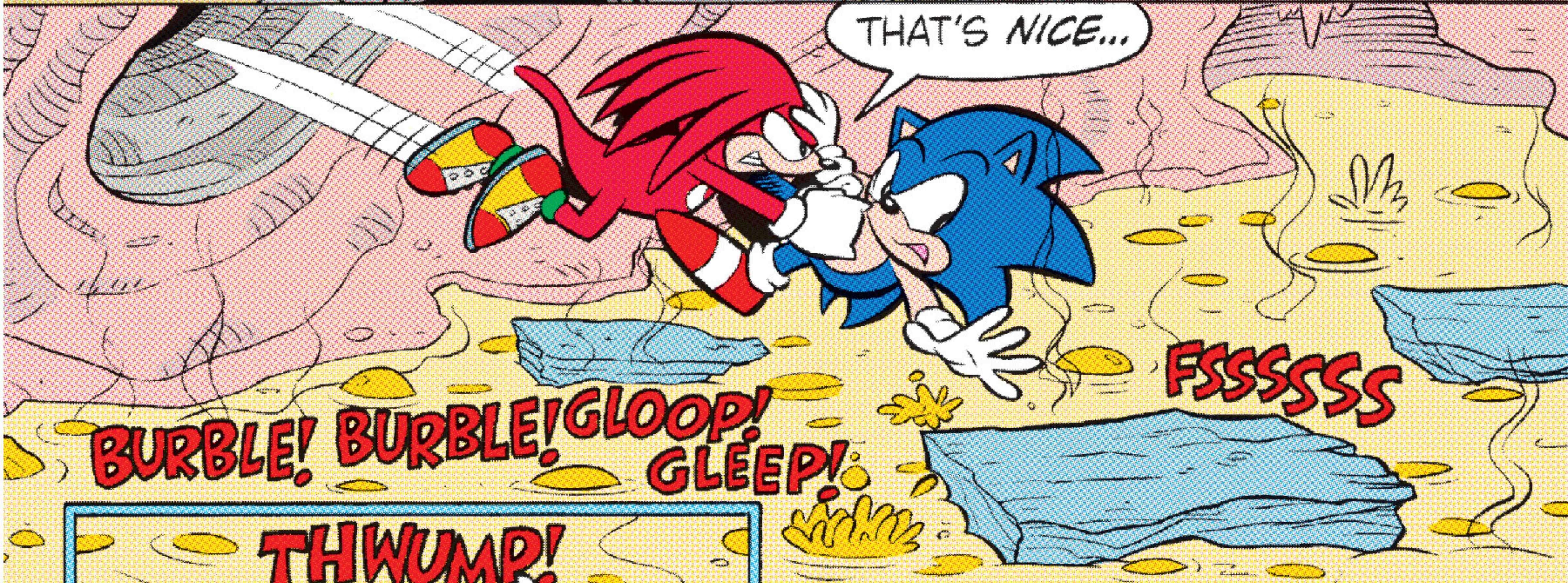
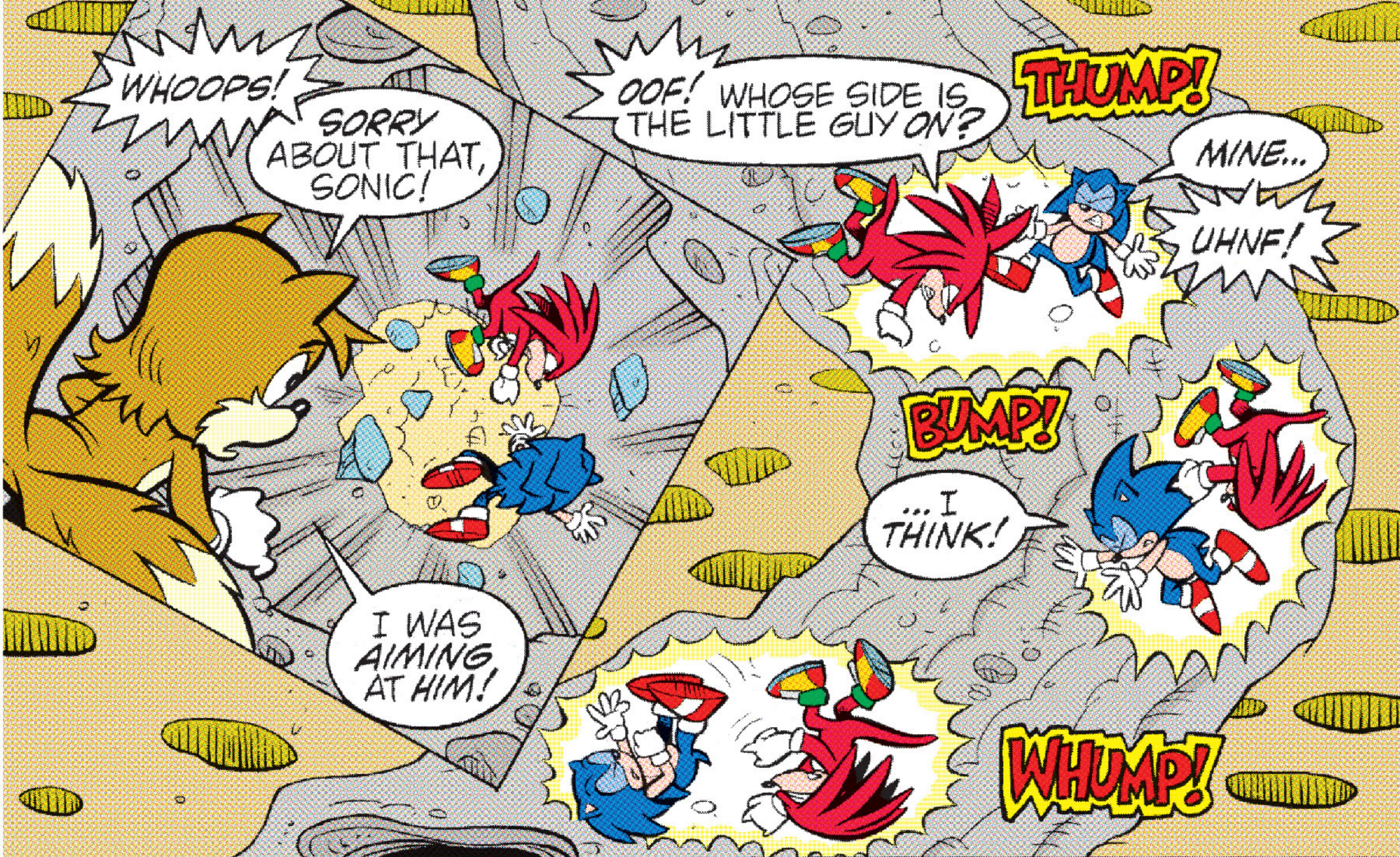
SONIC & KNUCKLES™

IN

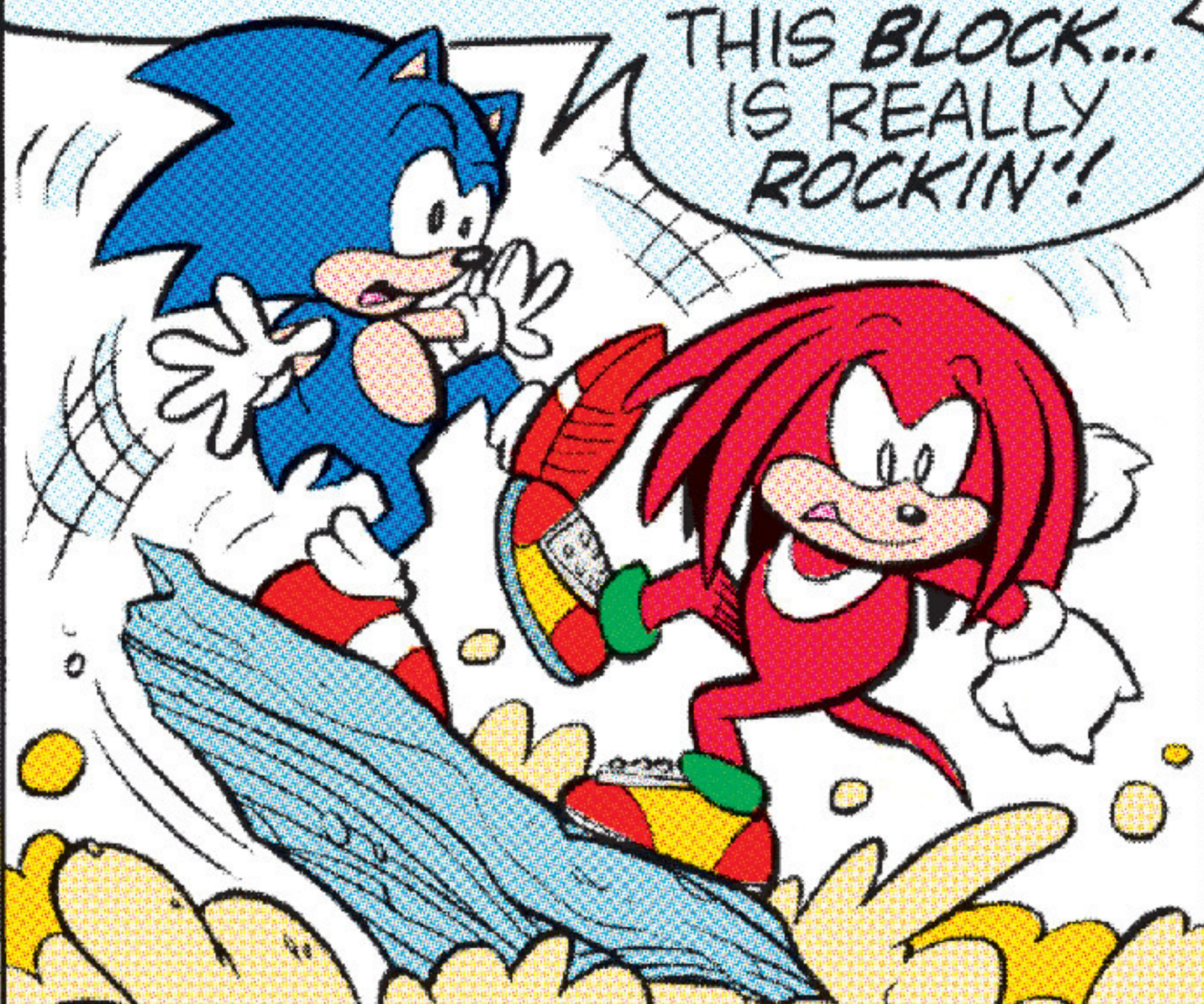
PANIC IN THE SKY!

PART II



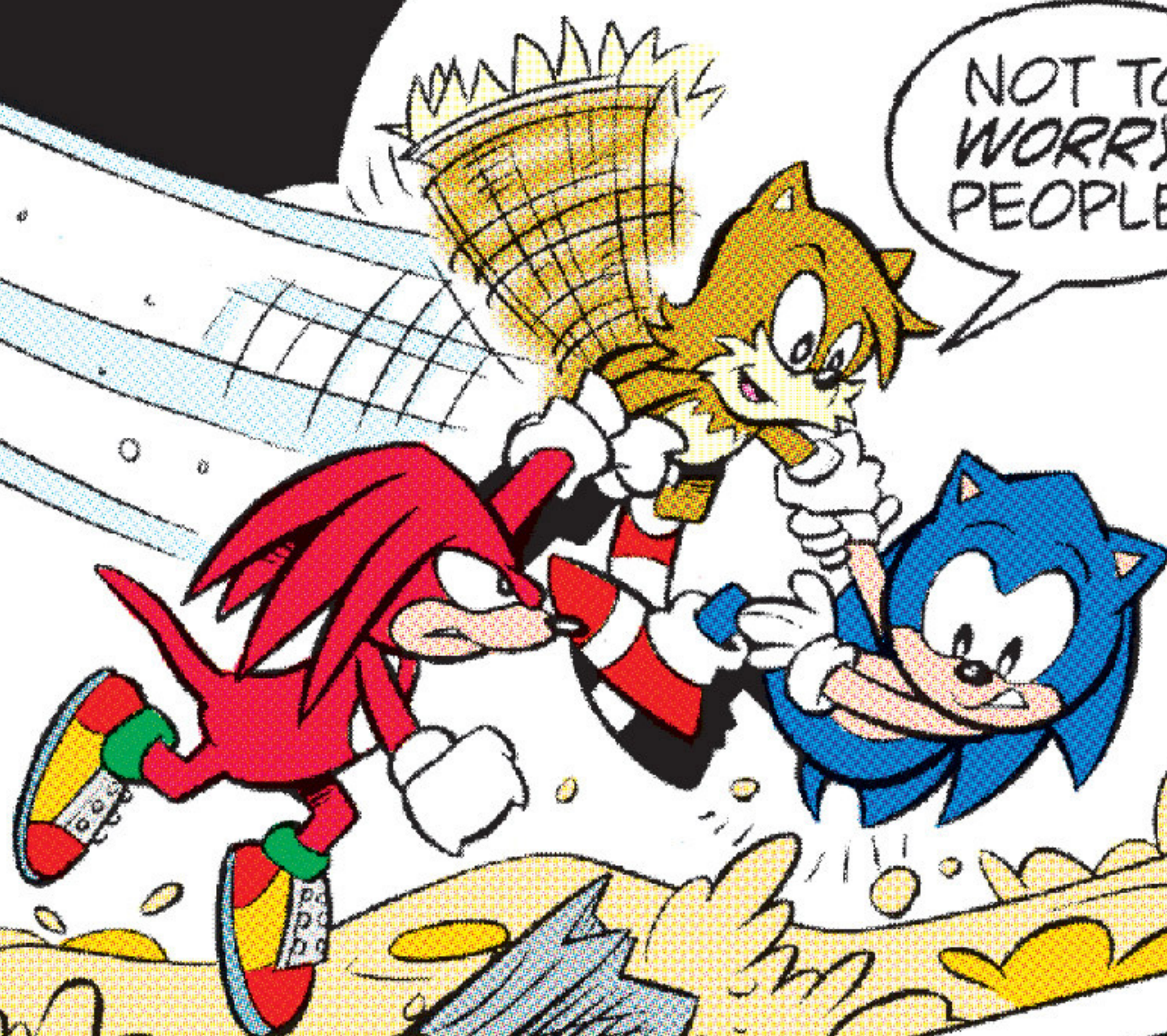


UH--KNUCKLES? I THINK WE'RE BOTH GONNA NEED SOME HELP! THIS BLOCK... IS REALLY ROCKIN'!



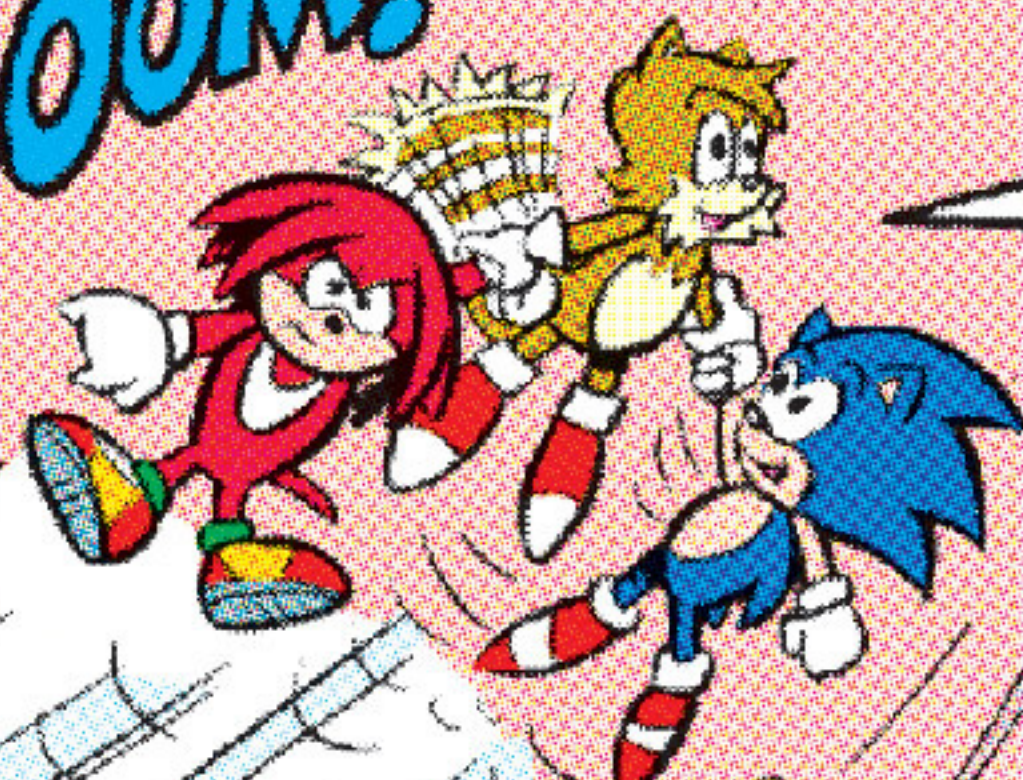
RRRRRUUMMBBLLLLLL

NOT TO WORRY, PEOPLE...



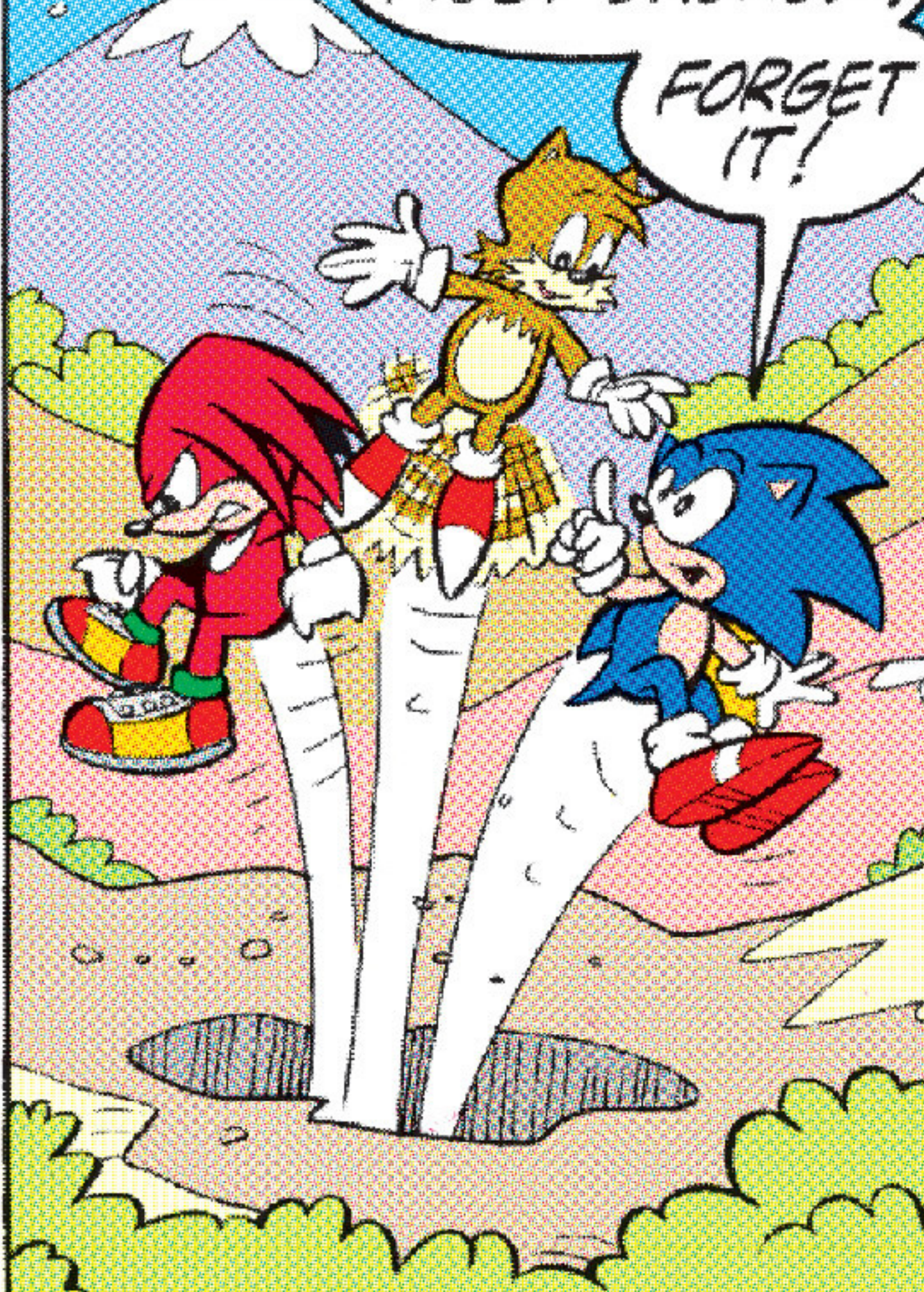
SHOOOOOOM!

... 'CAUSE WE ARE OUTTA HERE!



THANKS, PAL!

REMEMBER WHAT I SAID ABOUT BEING "PIGGY-BACKED"? FORGET IT!



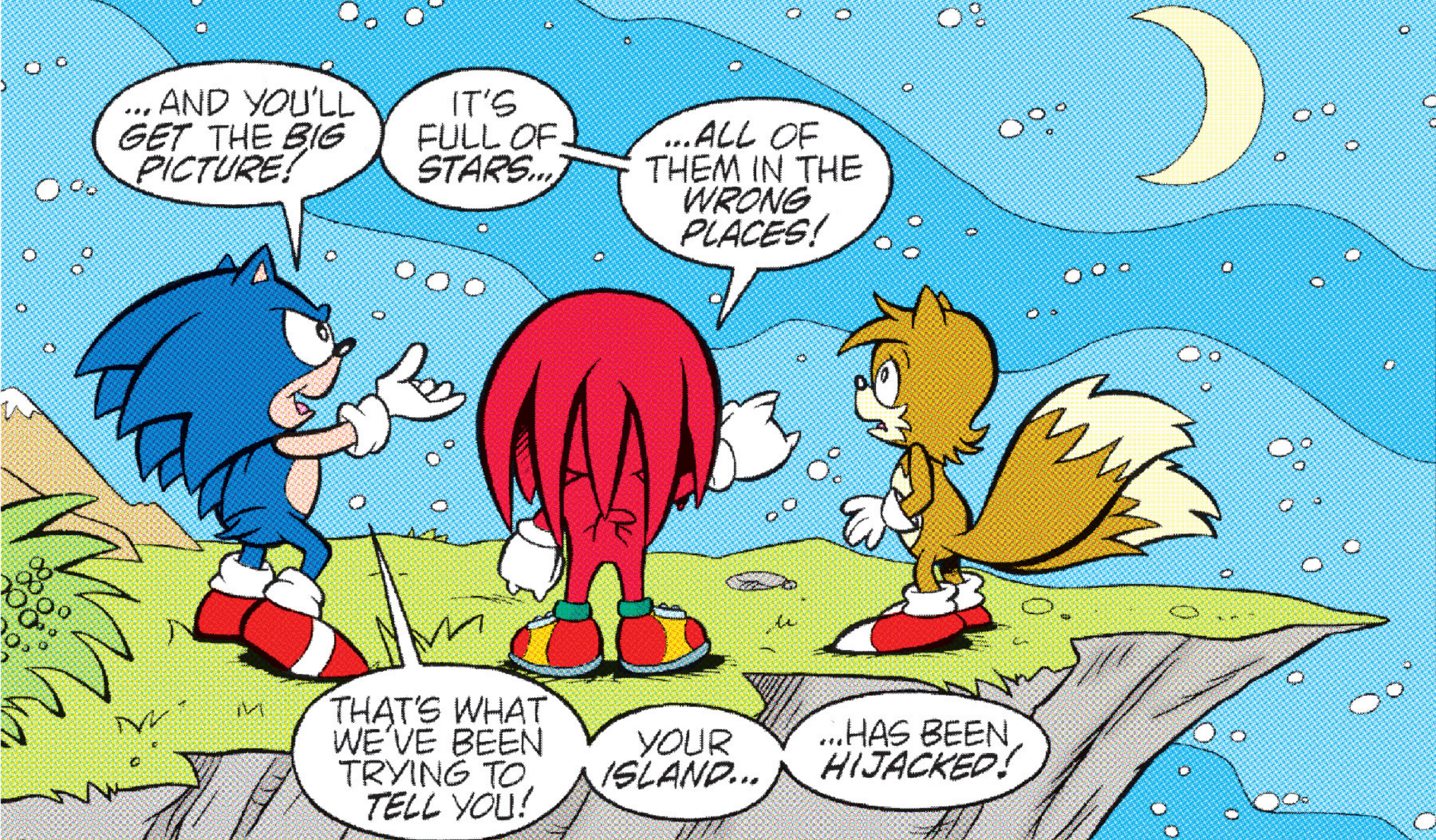
YEAH, THANKS, PAL! I'M PRETTY GOOD AT FLYING AND GLIDING -- BUT I DIDN'T KNOW IF I COULD GET ENOUGH ALTITUDE!



HOWEVER, I STILL HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO PROTECT MY HOME FROM INTRUDERS!

AGREED! BUT WE'RE NOT THE ENEMY! LOOK! UP IN THE SKY...





...AND YOU'LL
GET THE BIG
PICTURE!

IT'S
FULL OF
STARS...

...ALL OF
THEM IN THE
WRONG
PLACES!

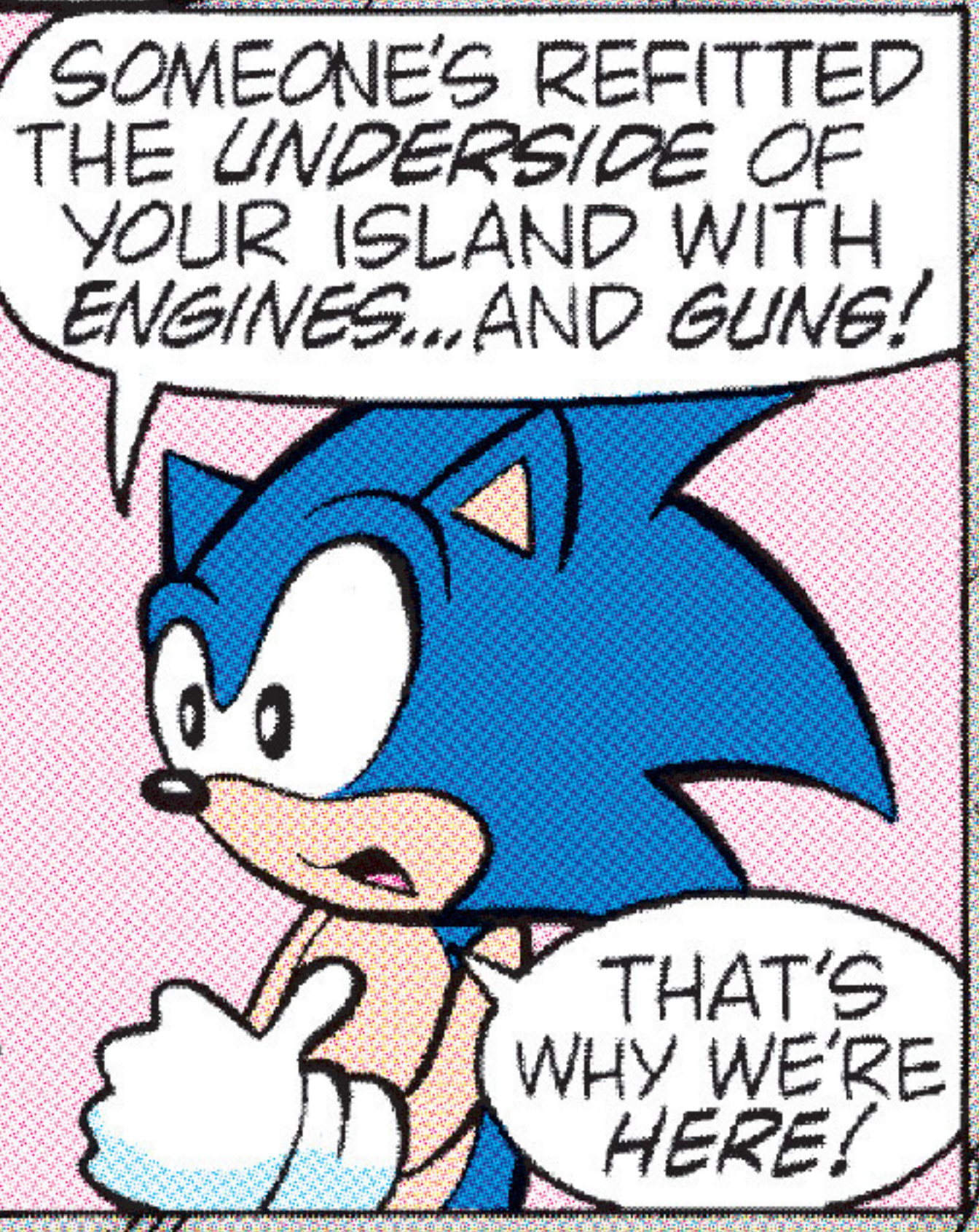
THAT'S WHAT
WE'VE BEEN
TRYING TO
TELL YOU!

YOUR
ISLAND...

...HAS BEEN
HIJACKED!

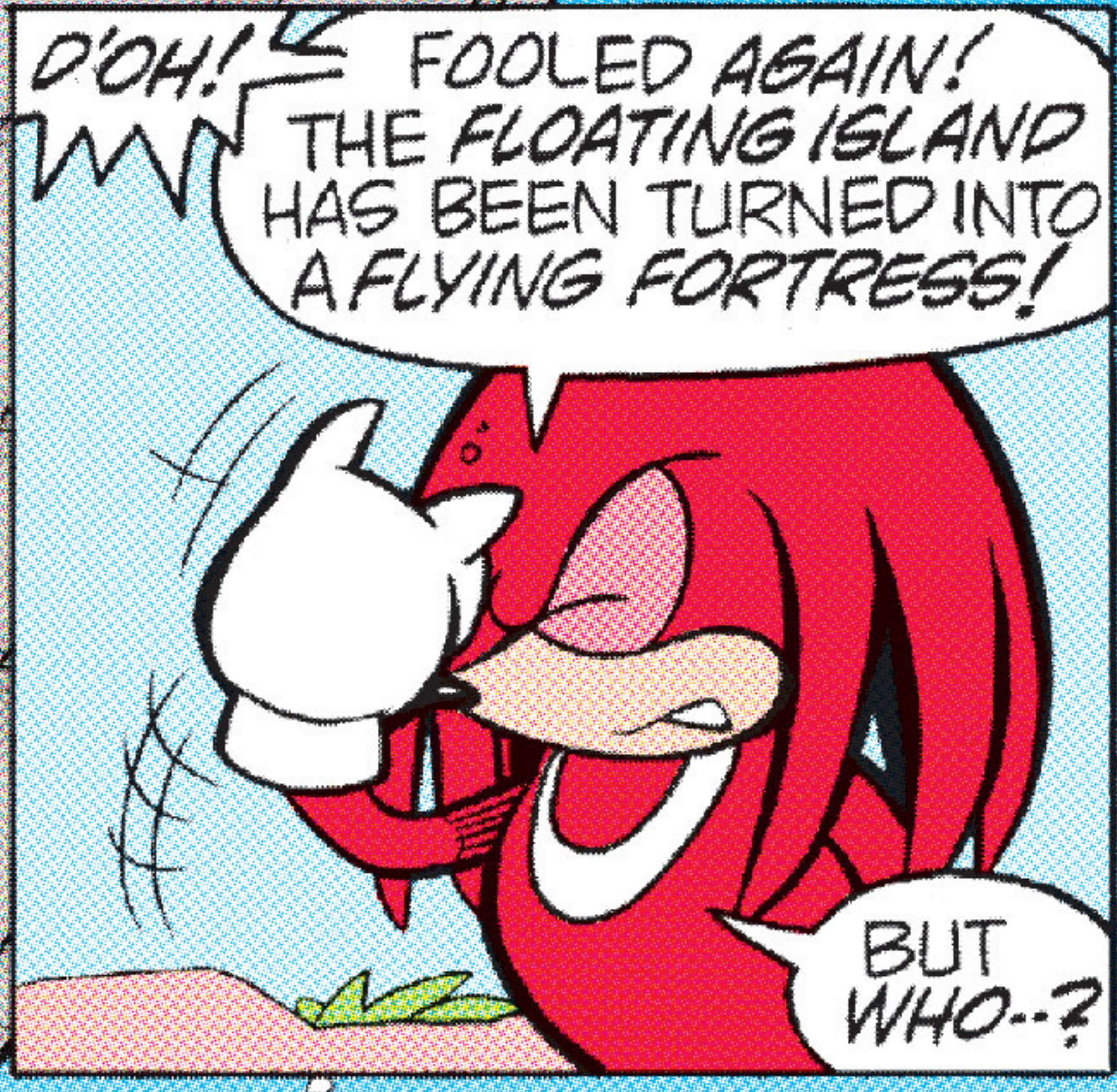


BY NOW, WE'RE
OVER KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE--'COURSE
IT'S DARK, SO
NOBODY'D NOTICE!



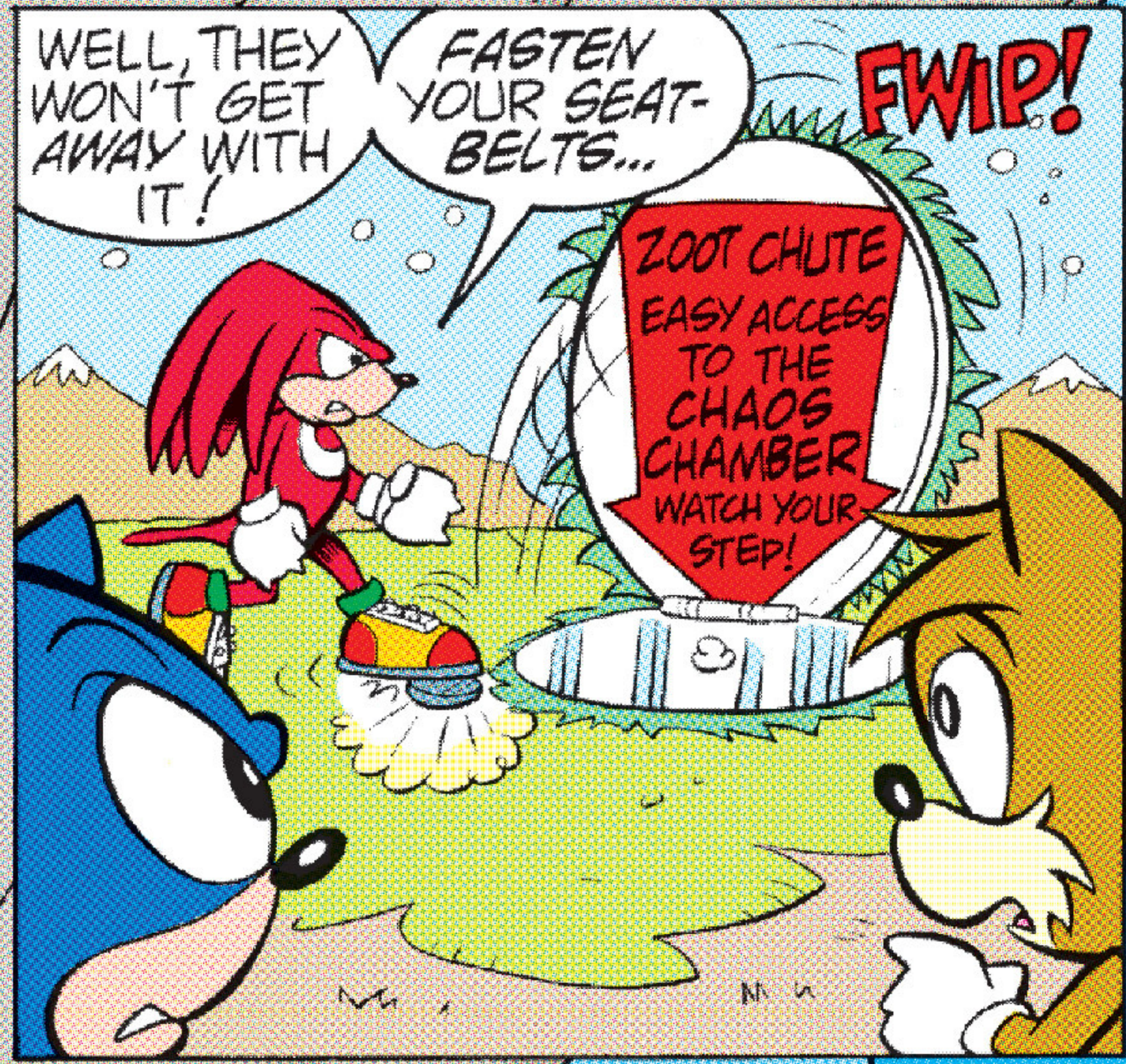
SOMEONE'S REFITTED
THE UNDERSIDE OF
YOUR ISLAND WITH
ENGINES...AND GUNS!

THAT'S
WHY WE'RE
HERE!



D'OH! **FOOLED AGAIN!**
THE FLOATING ISLAND
HAS BEEN TURNED INTO
A FLYING FORTRESS!

BUT
WHO..?

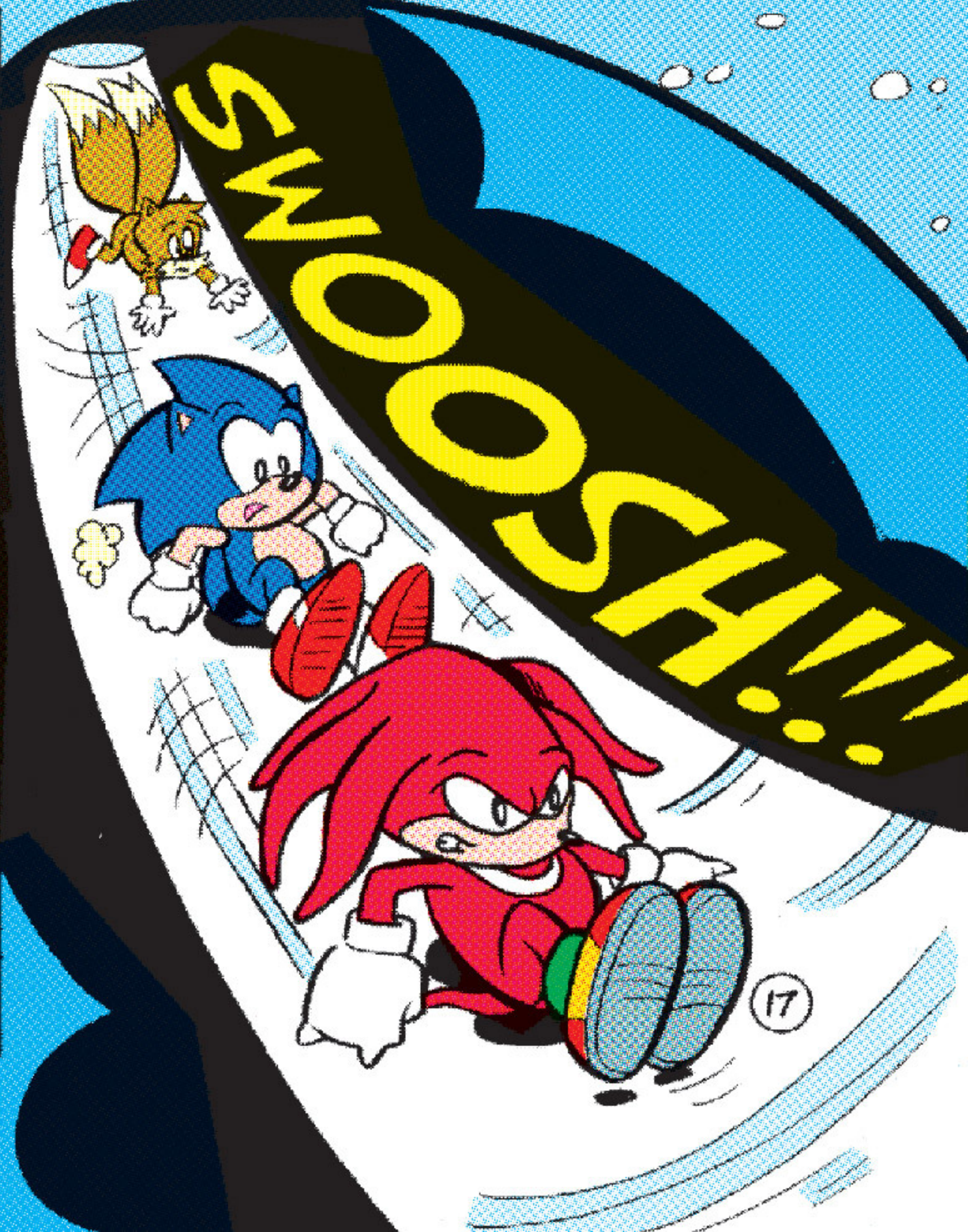


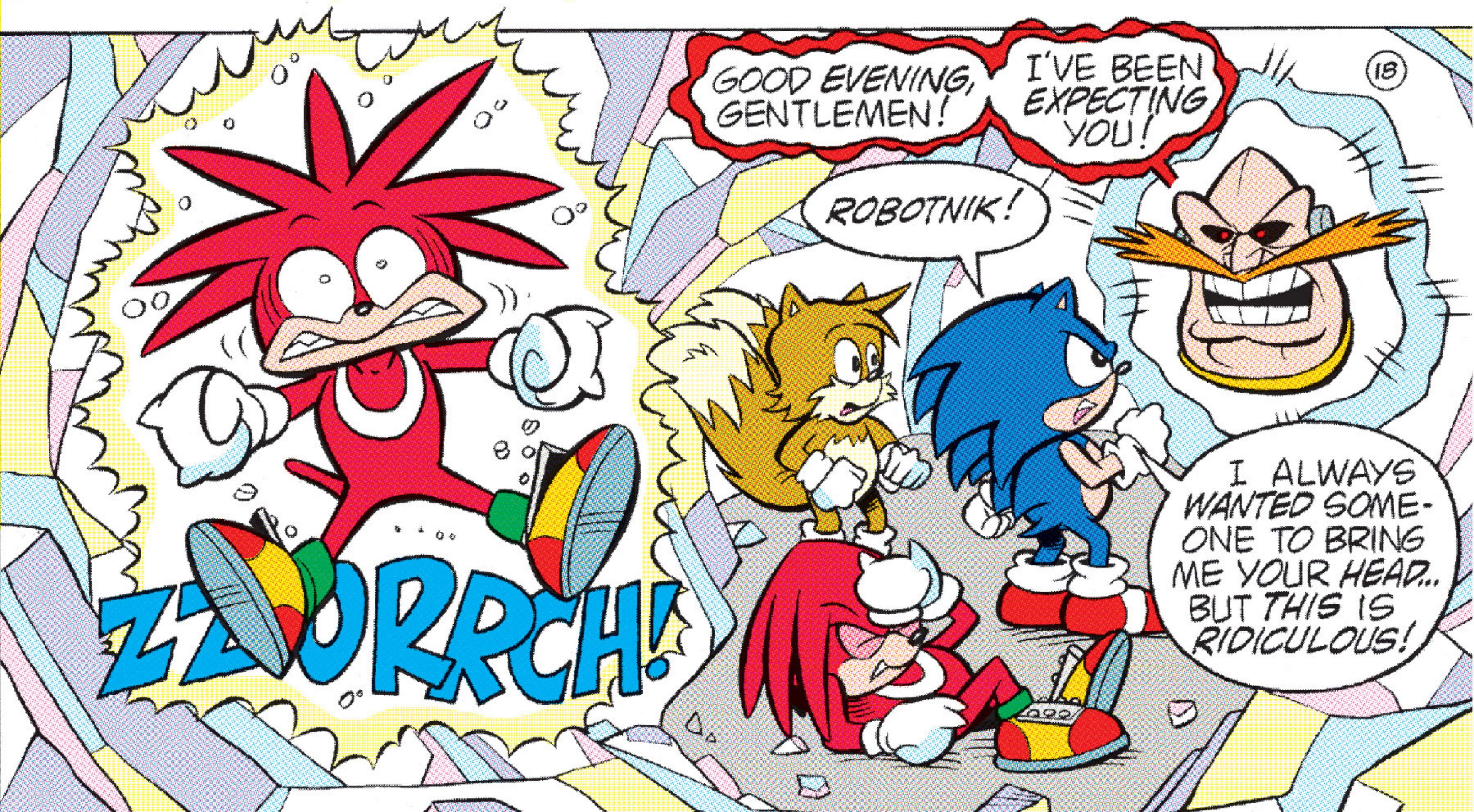
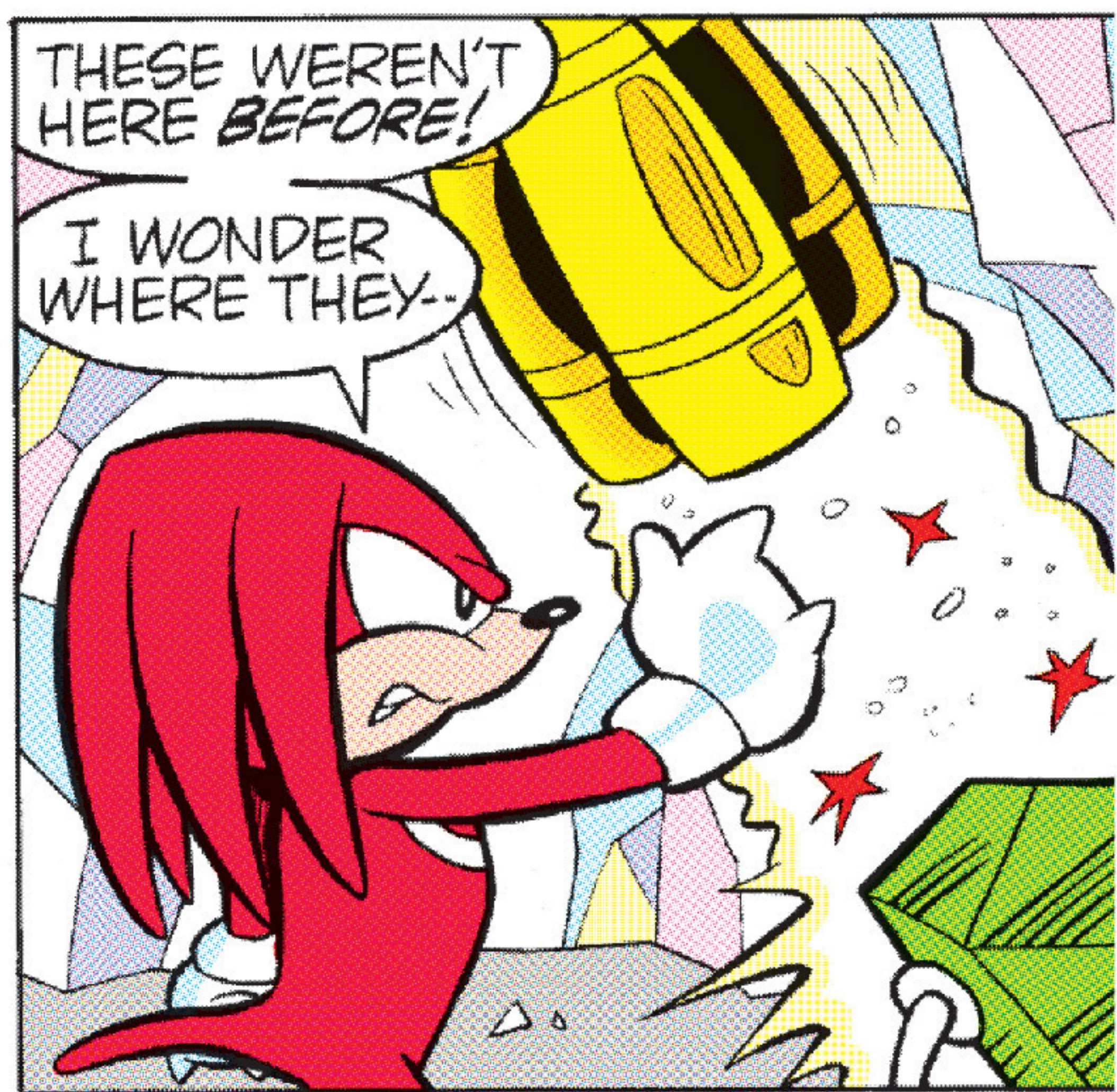
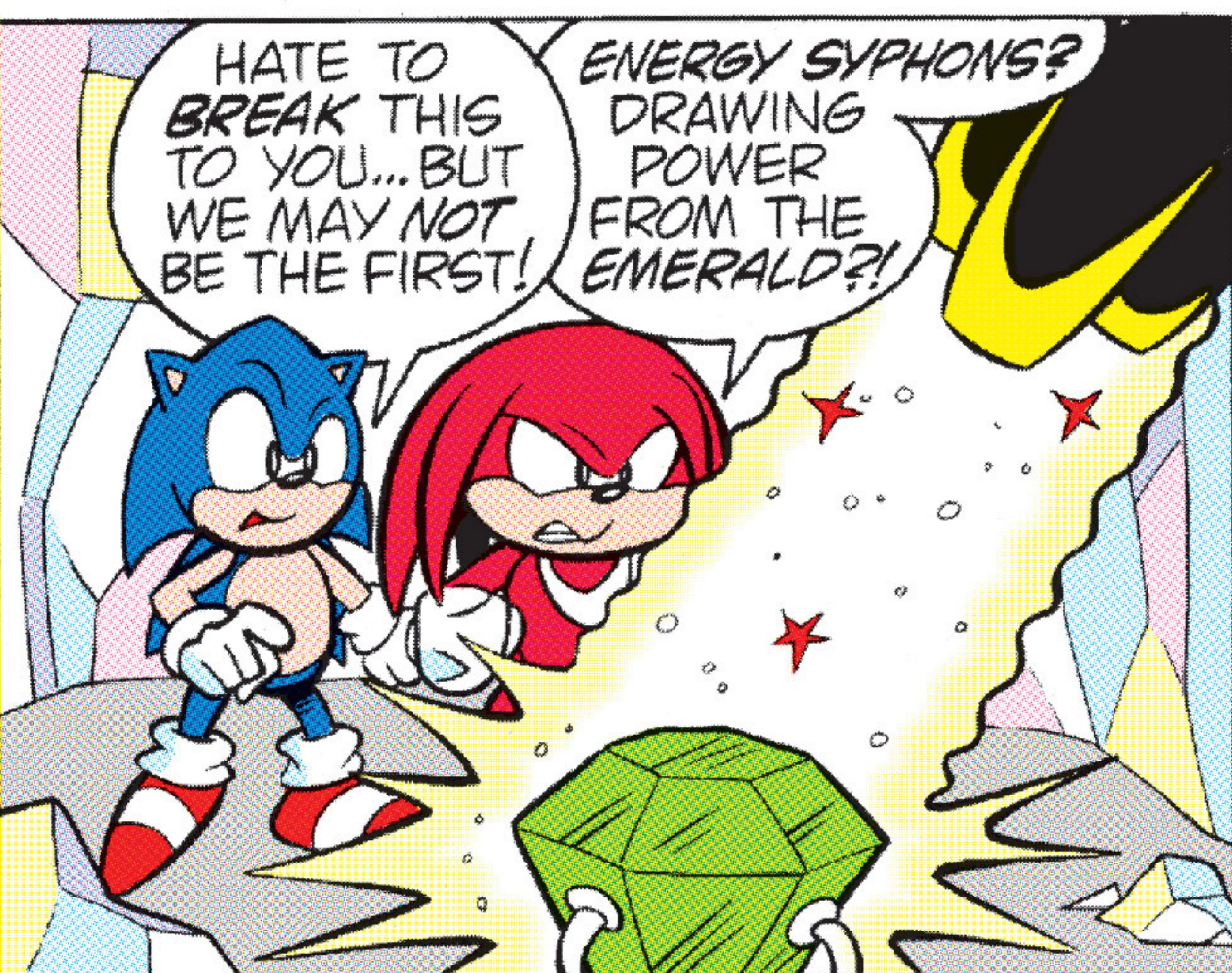
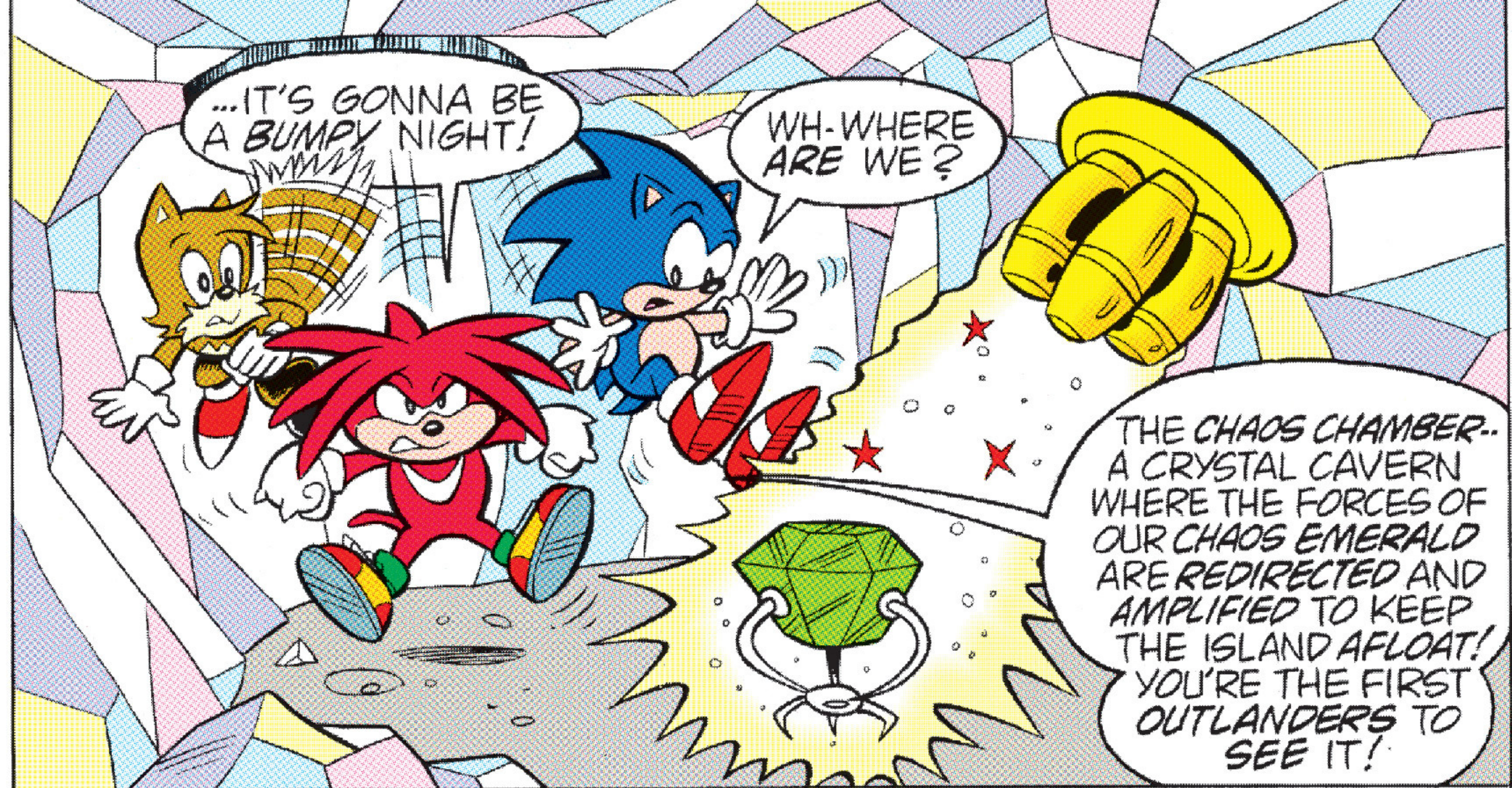
WELL, THEY
WON'T GET
AWAY WITH
IT!

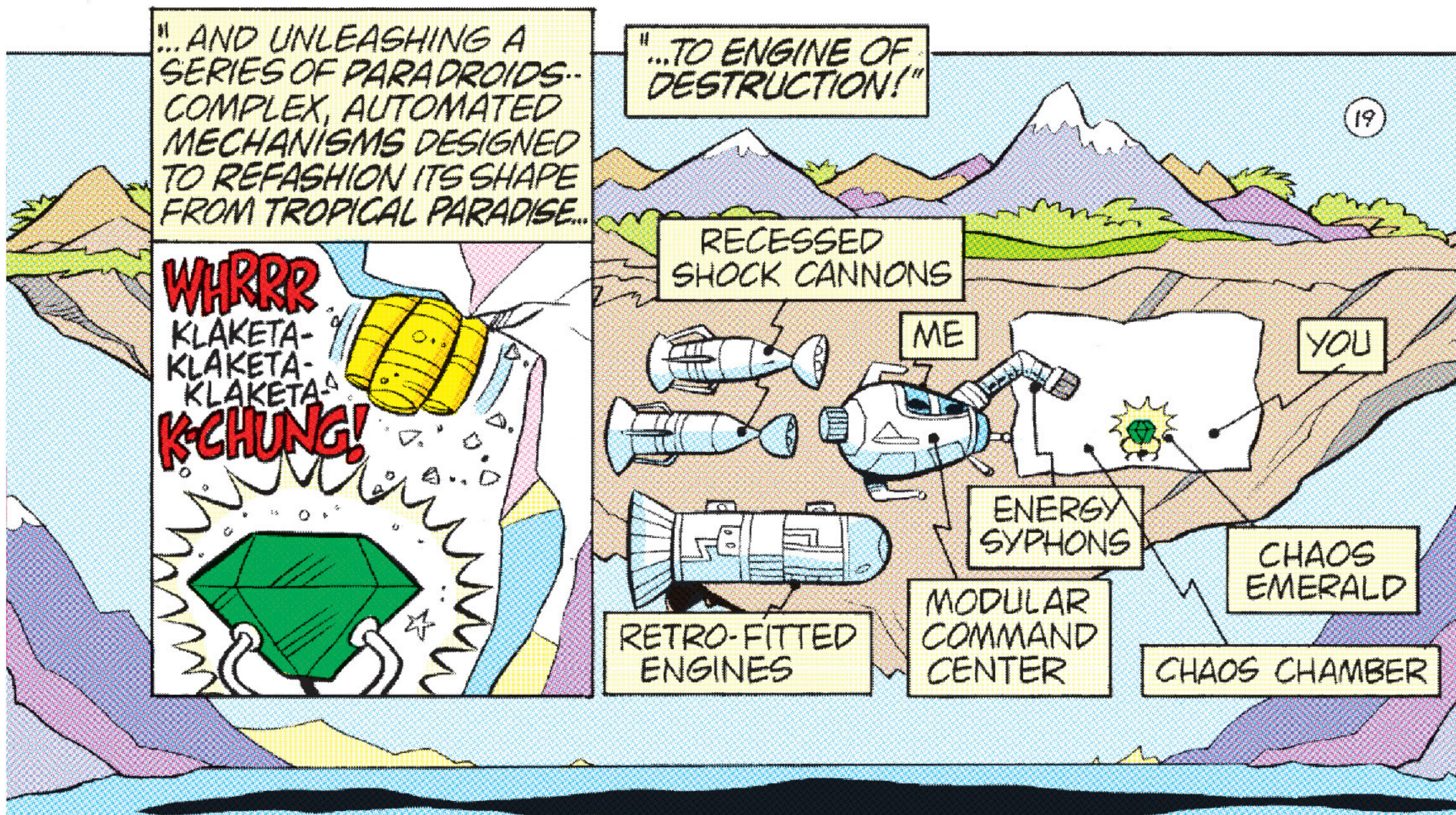
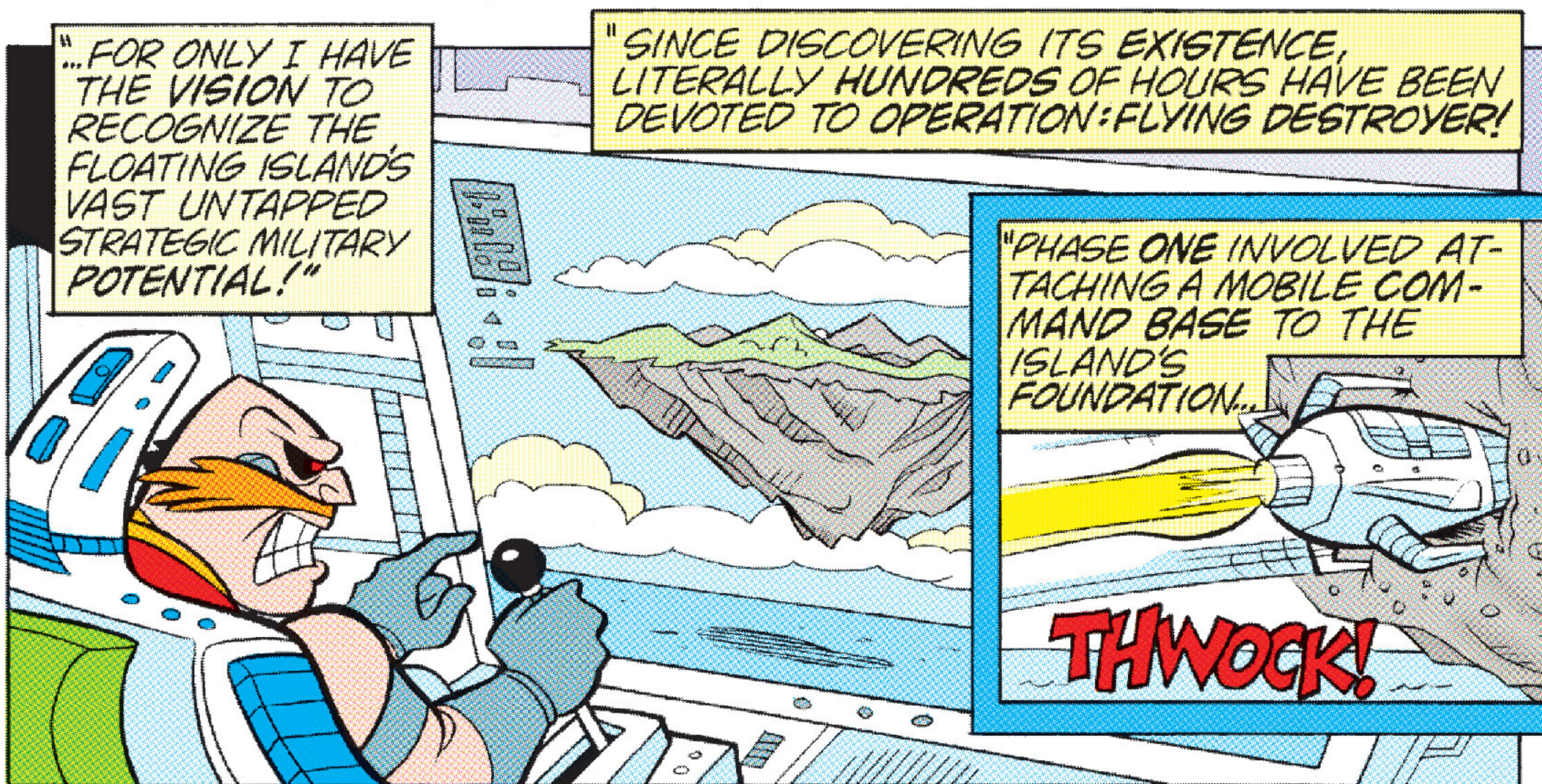
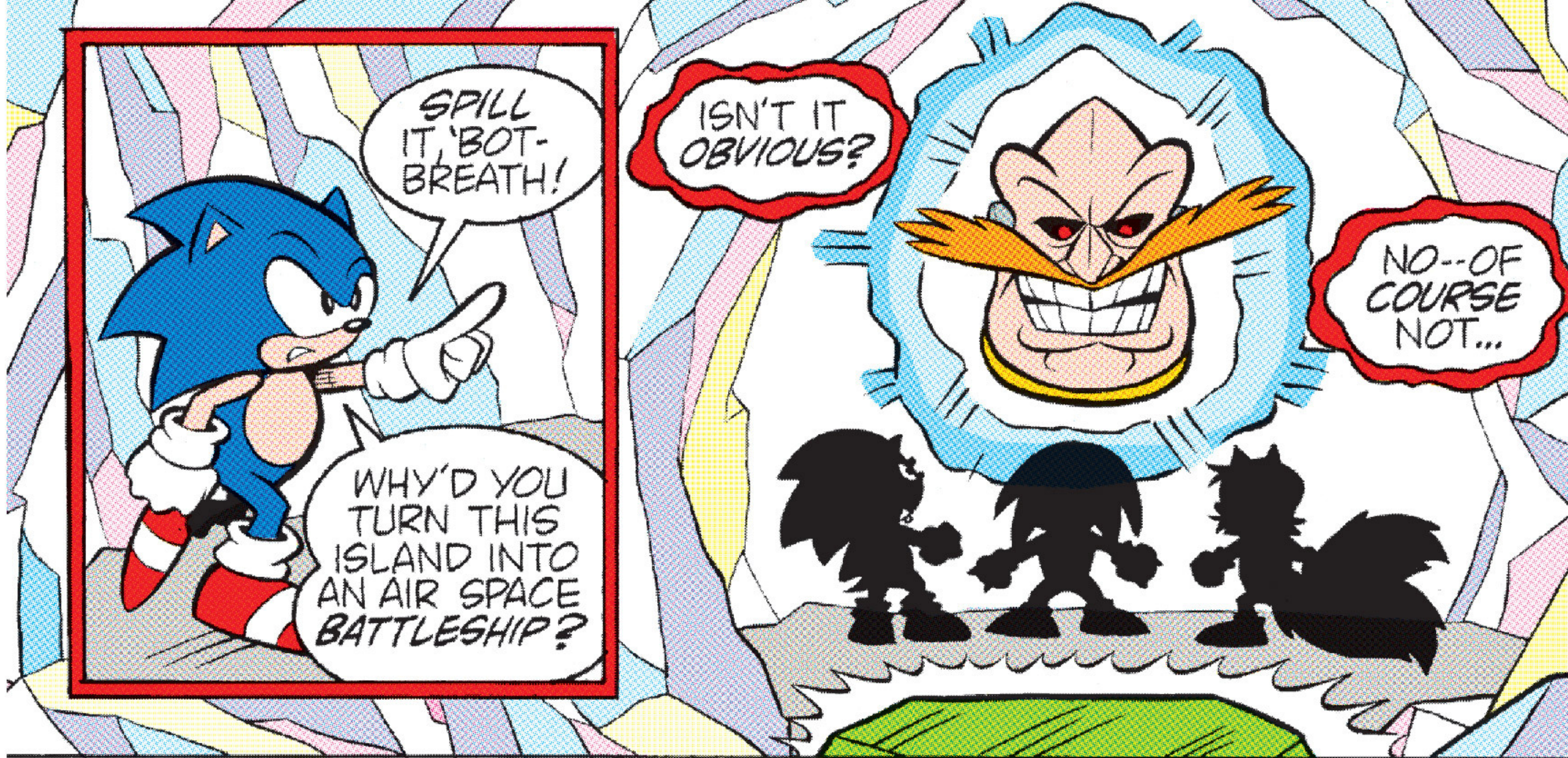
FASTEN
YOUR SEAT-
BELTS...

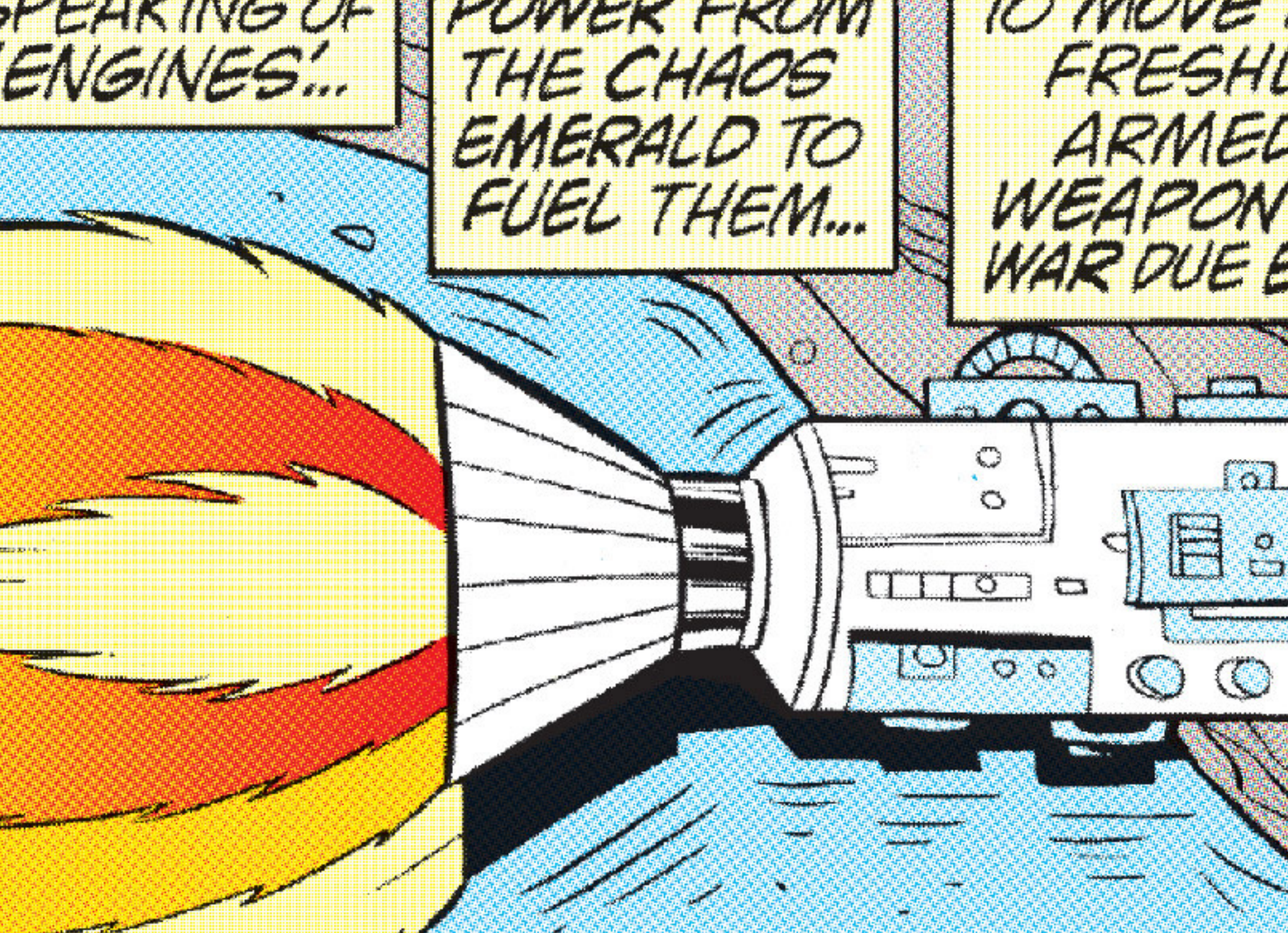
FWIP!

ZOOT CHUTE
EASY ACCESS
TO THE
CHAOS
CHAMBER
WATCH YOUR
STEP!





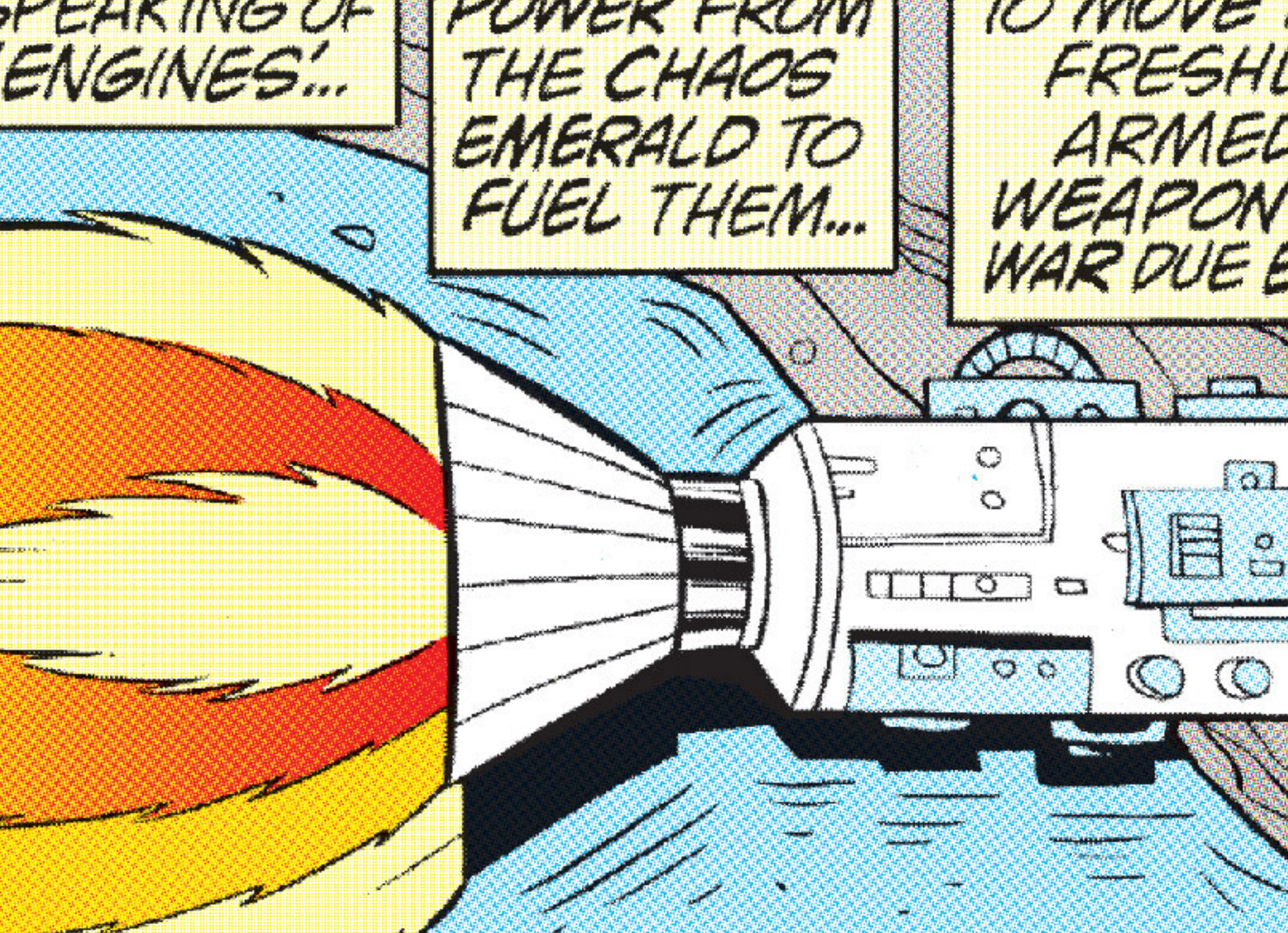




"AND
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"USING
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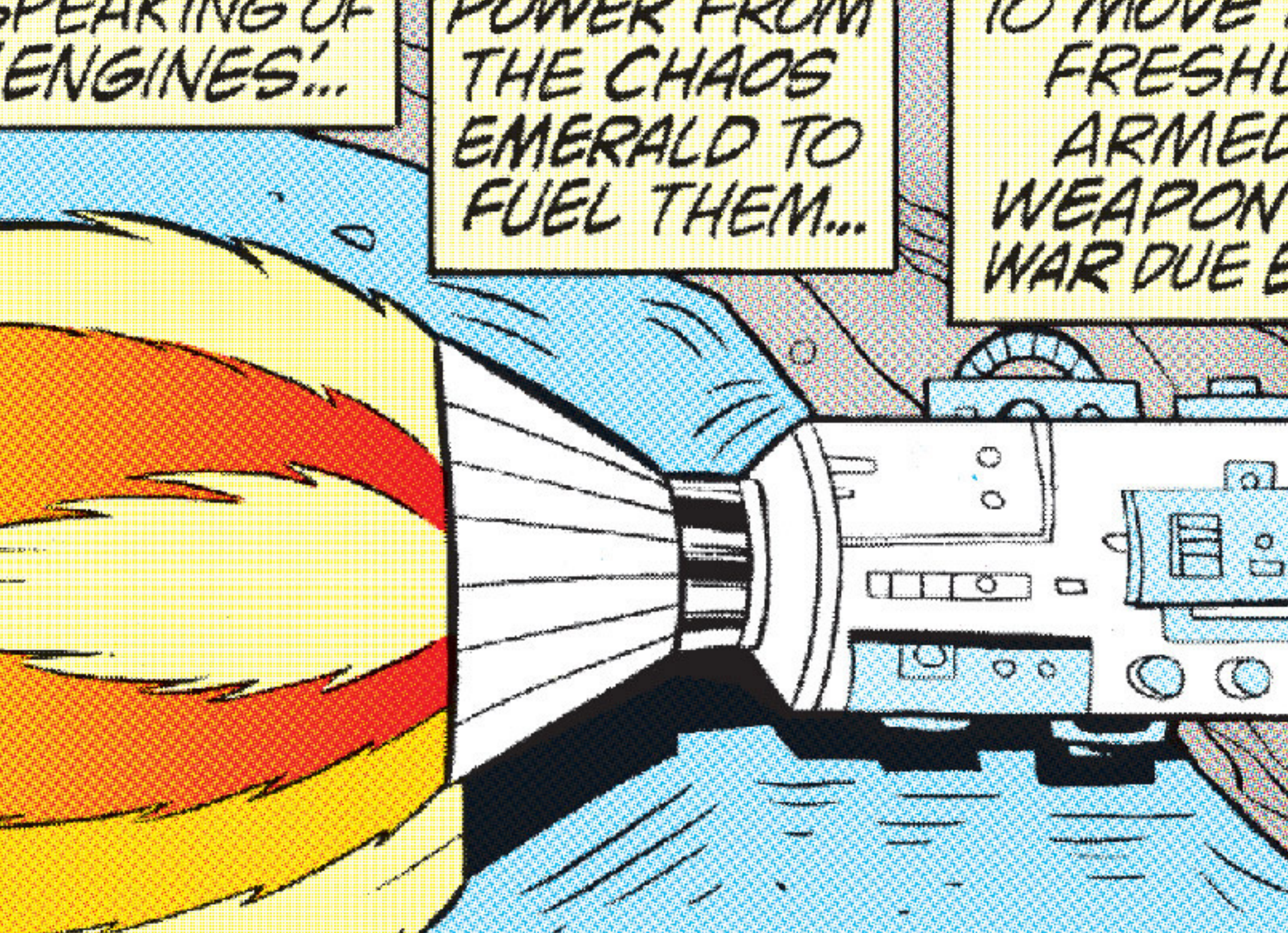
"...I BEGAN
TO MOVE MY
FRESHLY-
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WEAPON OF
WAR DUE EAST..."



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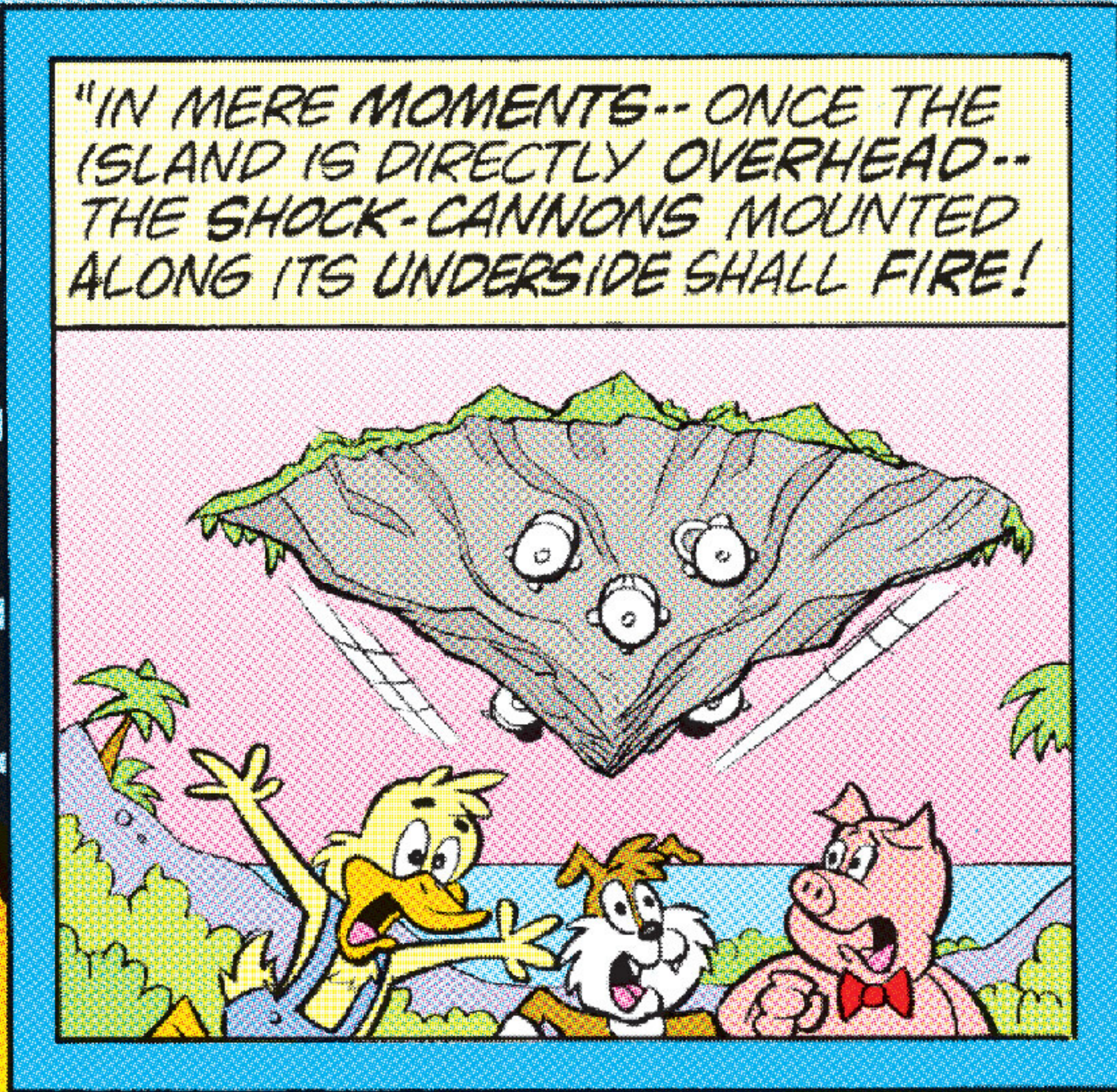
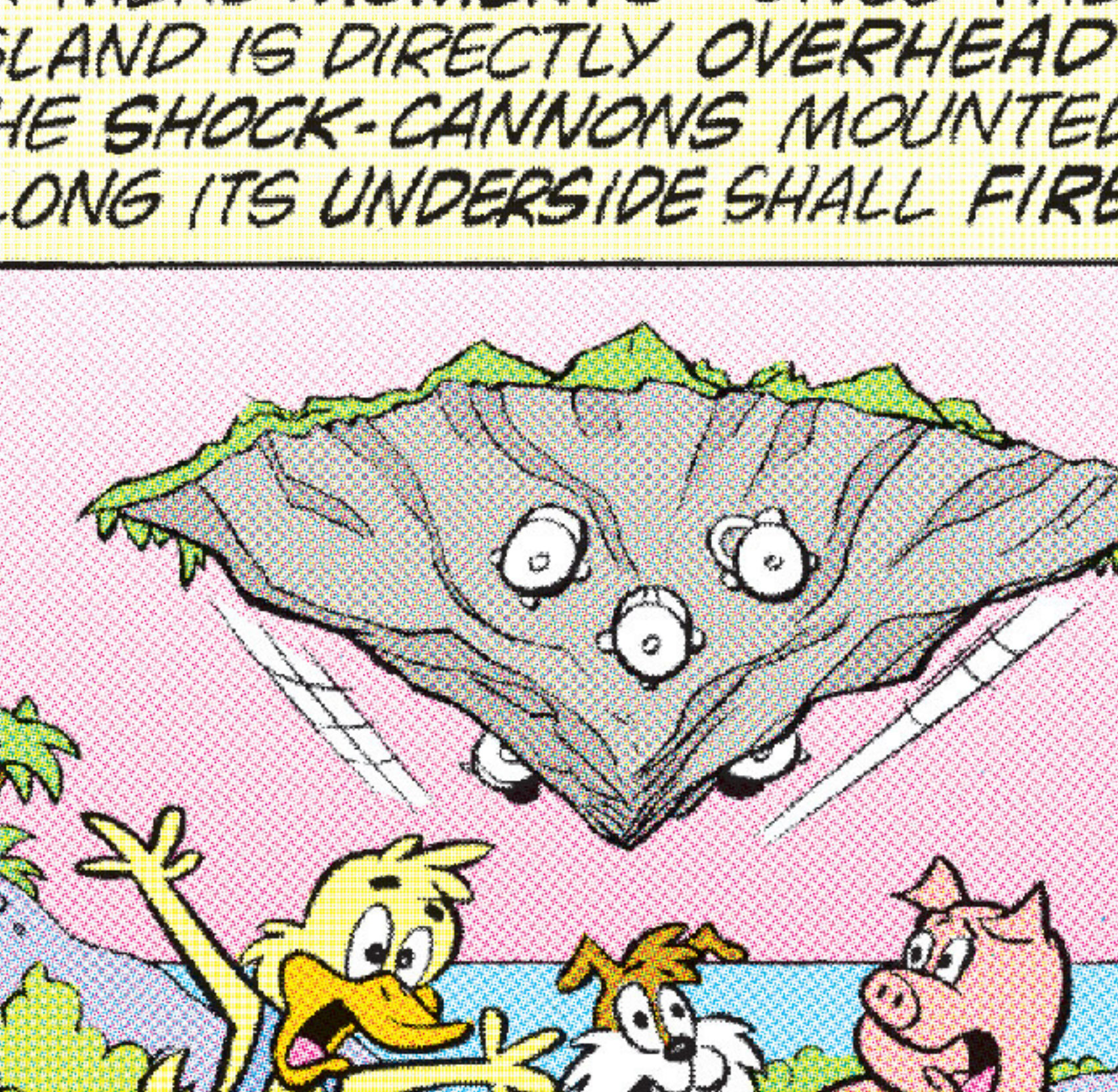
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"IN MERE MOMENTS-- ONCE THE ISLAND IS DIRECTLY OVERHEAD-- THE SHOCK-CANNONS MOUNTED ALONG ITS UNDERSIDE SHALL FIRE!



"AND THEN..."

K-CHUNG!

WHRRR

K-CHUKT!

K-CHUKT!

K-CHUKT!

FWA-VOOOOOM!

NNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN

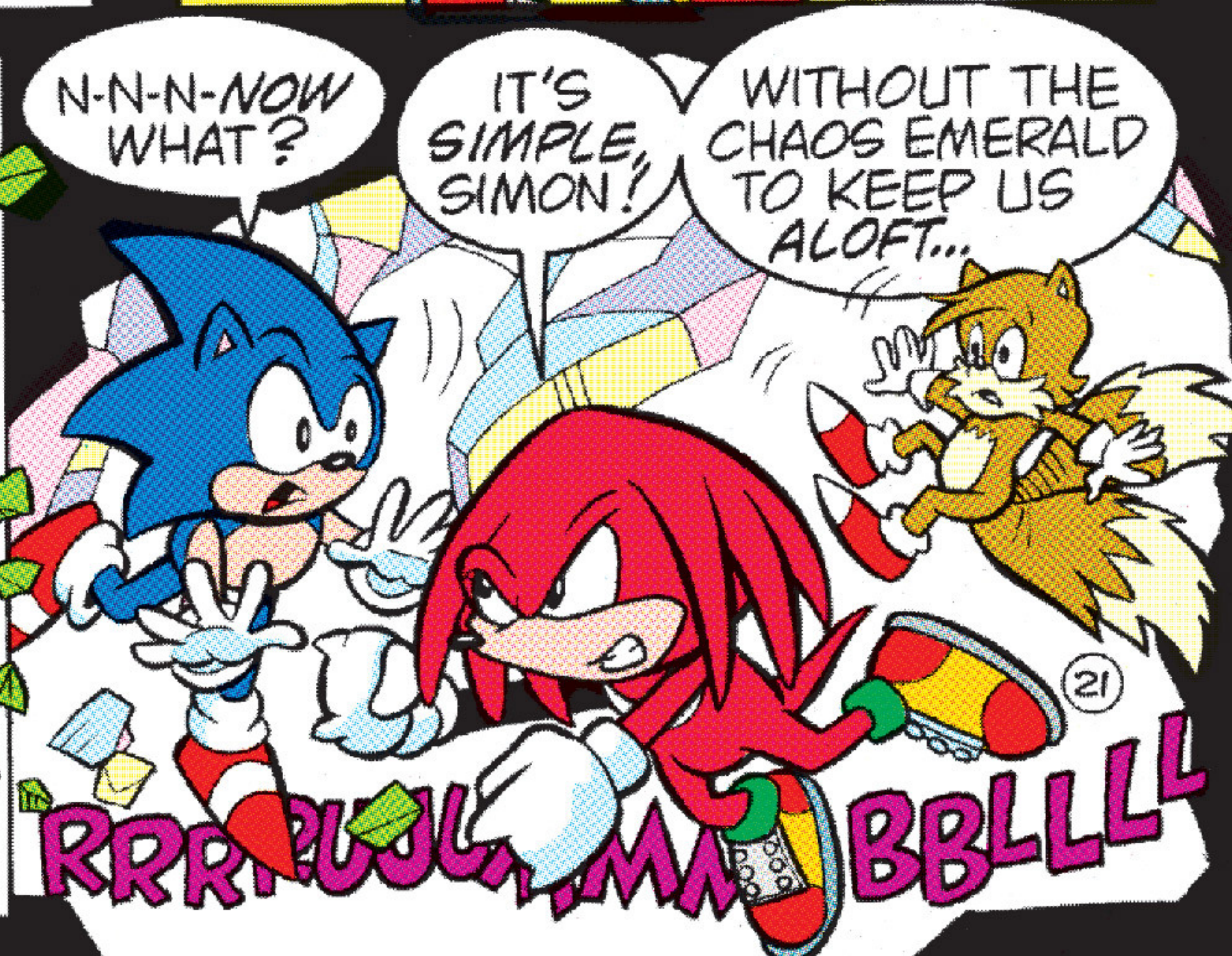
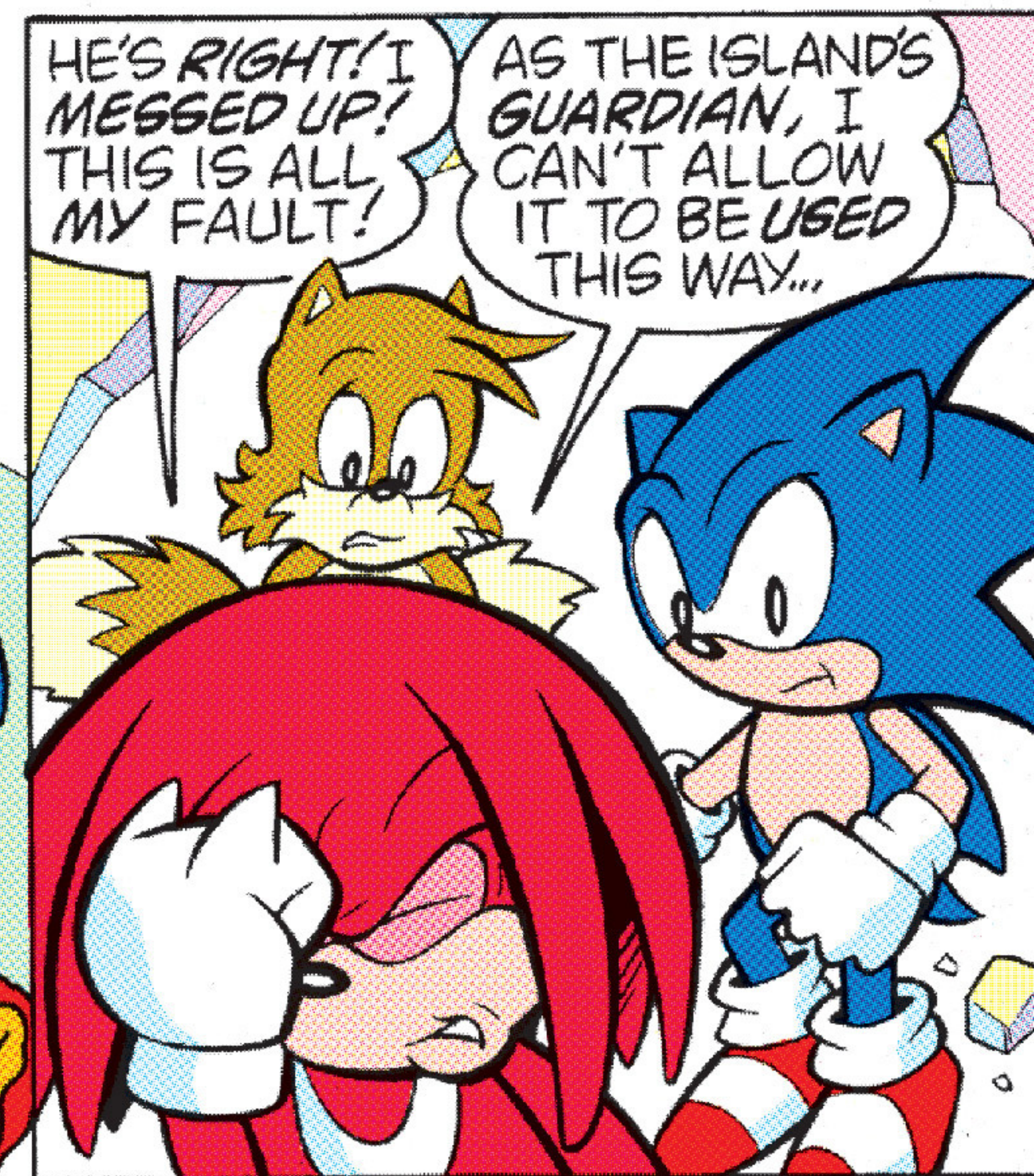
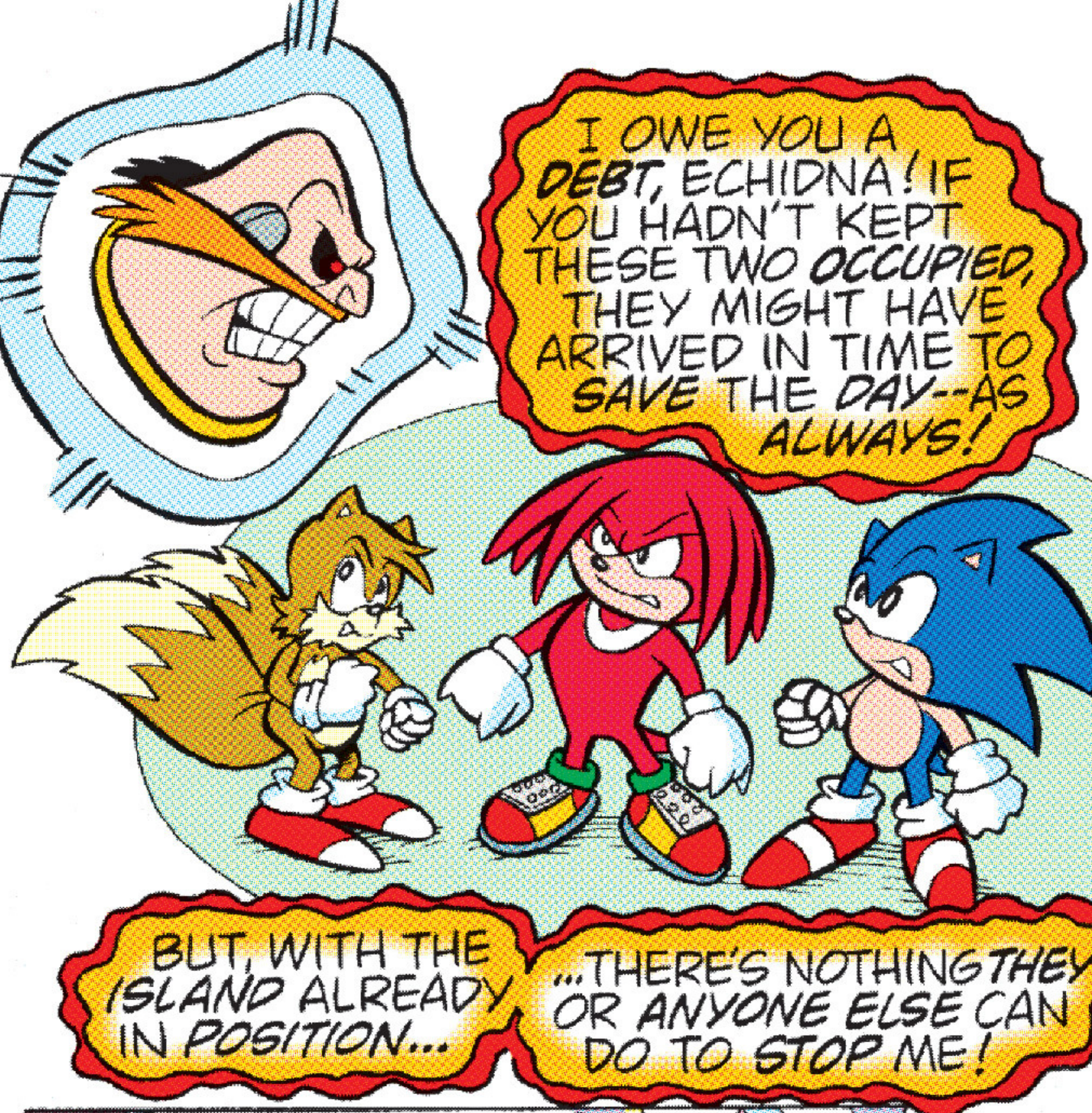
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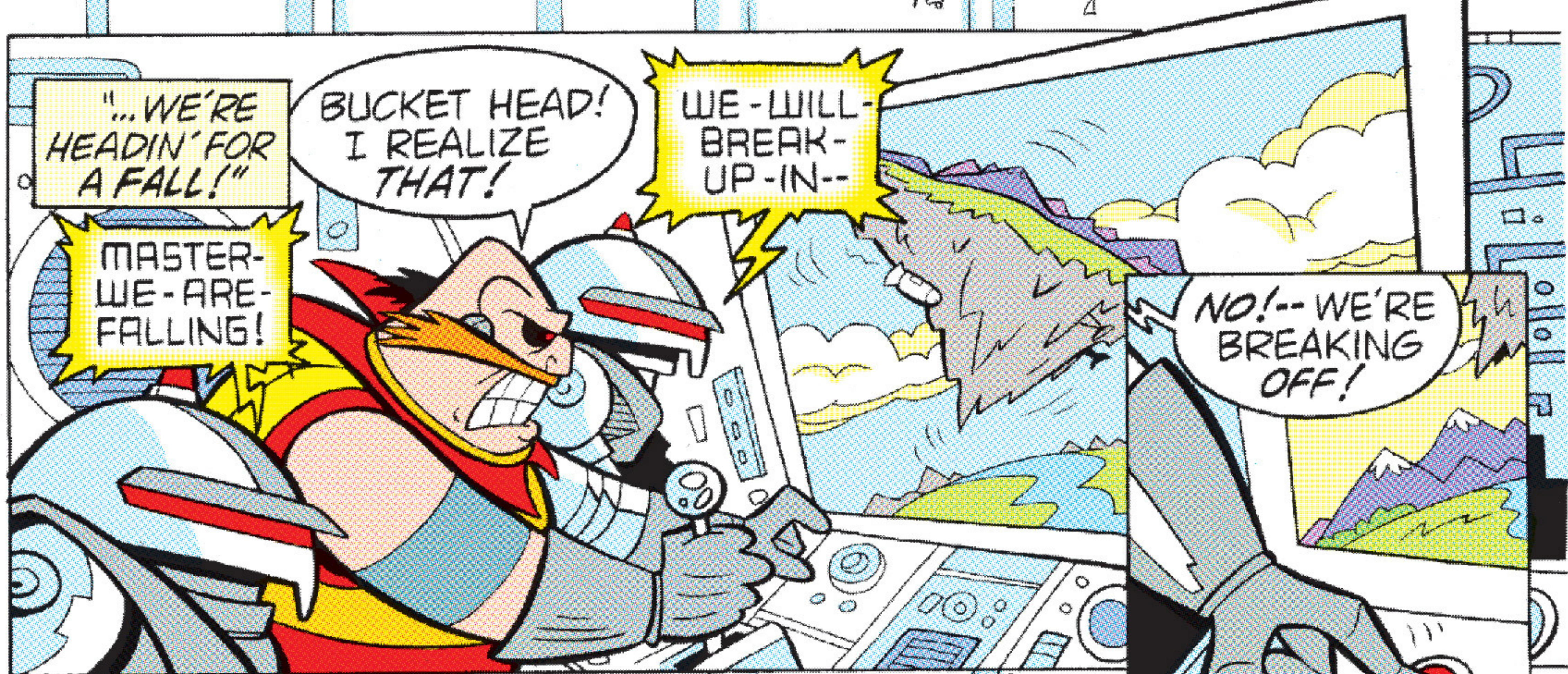


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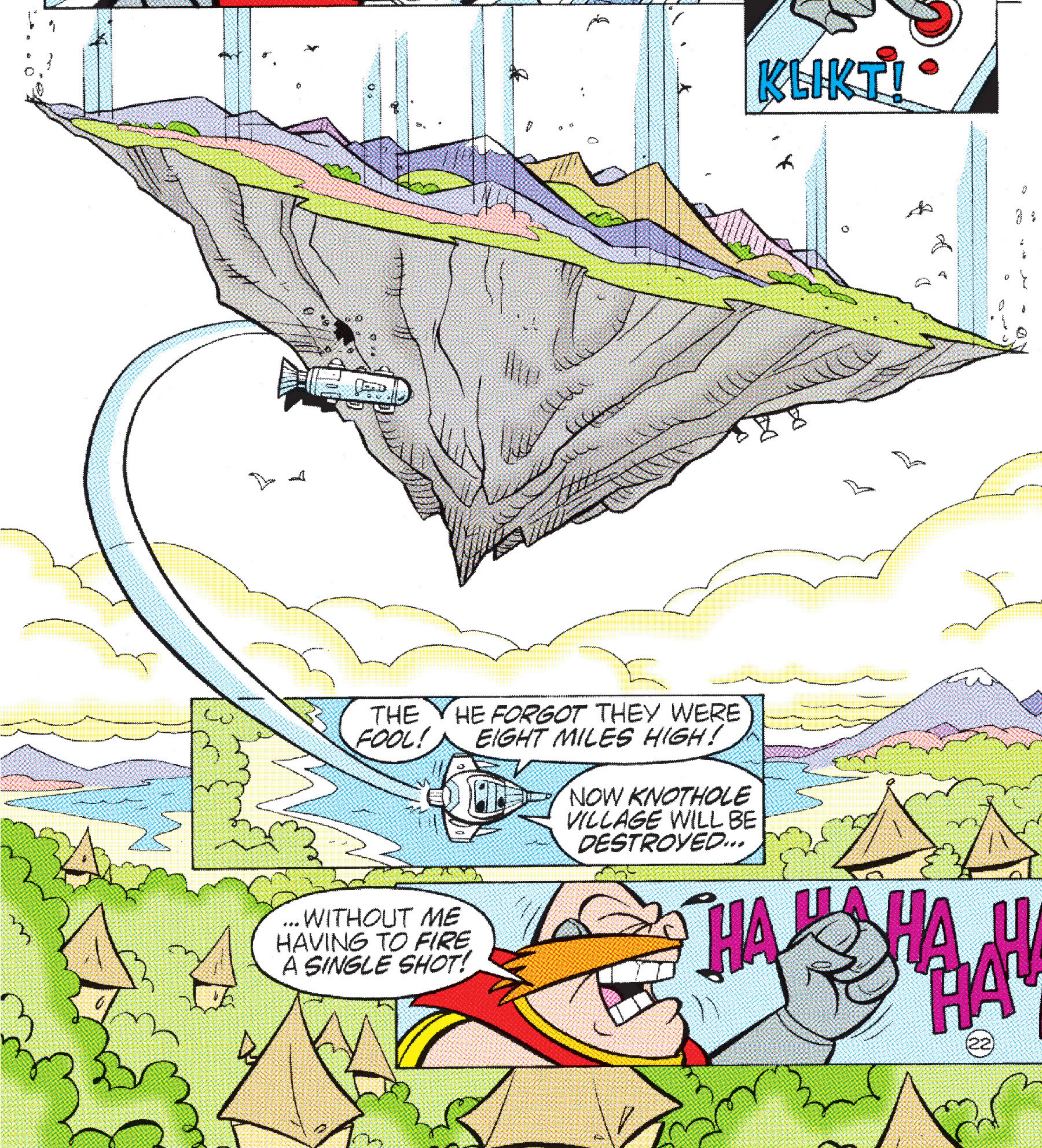
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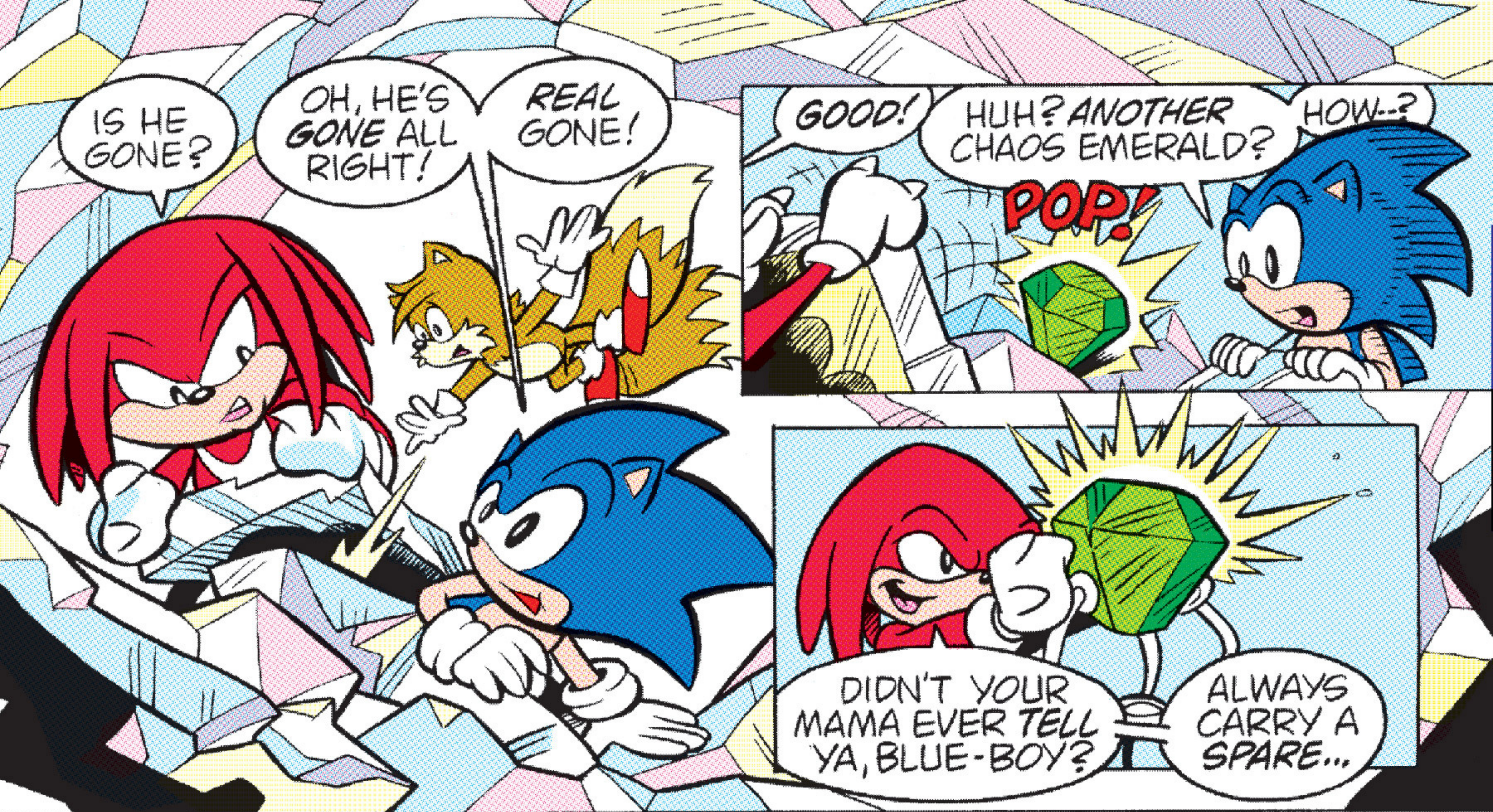
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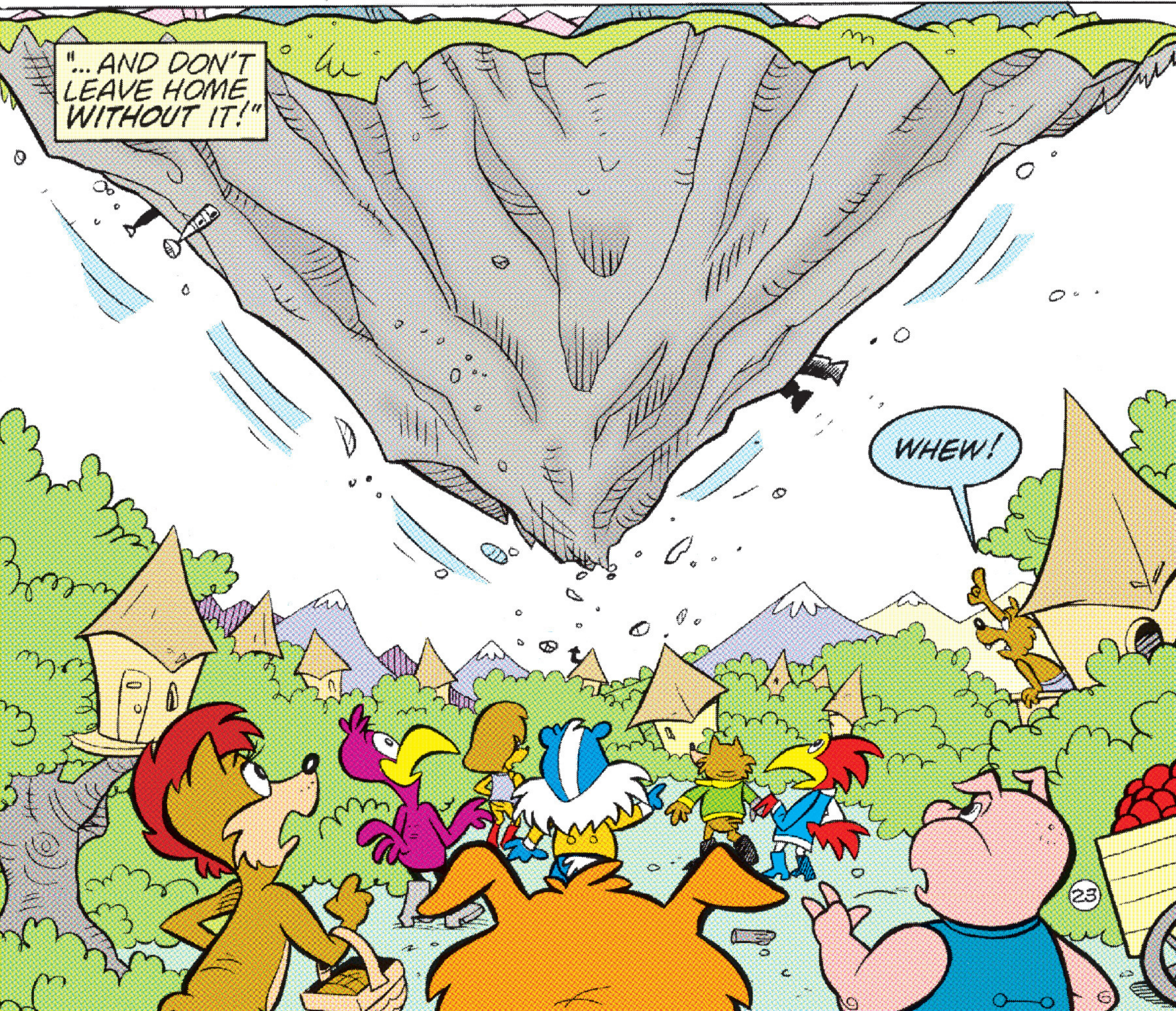


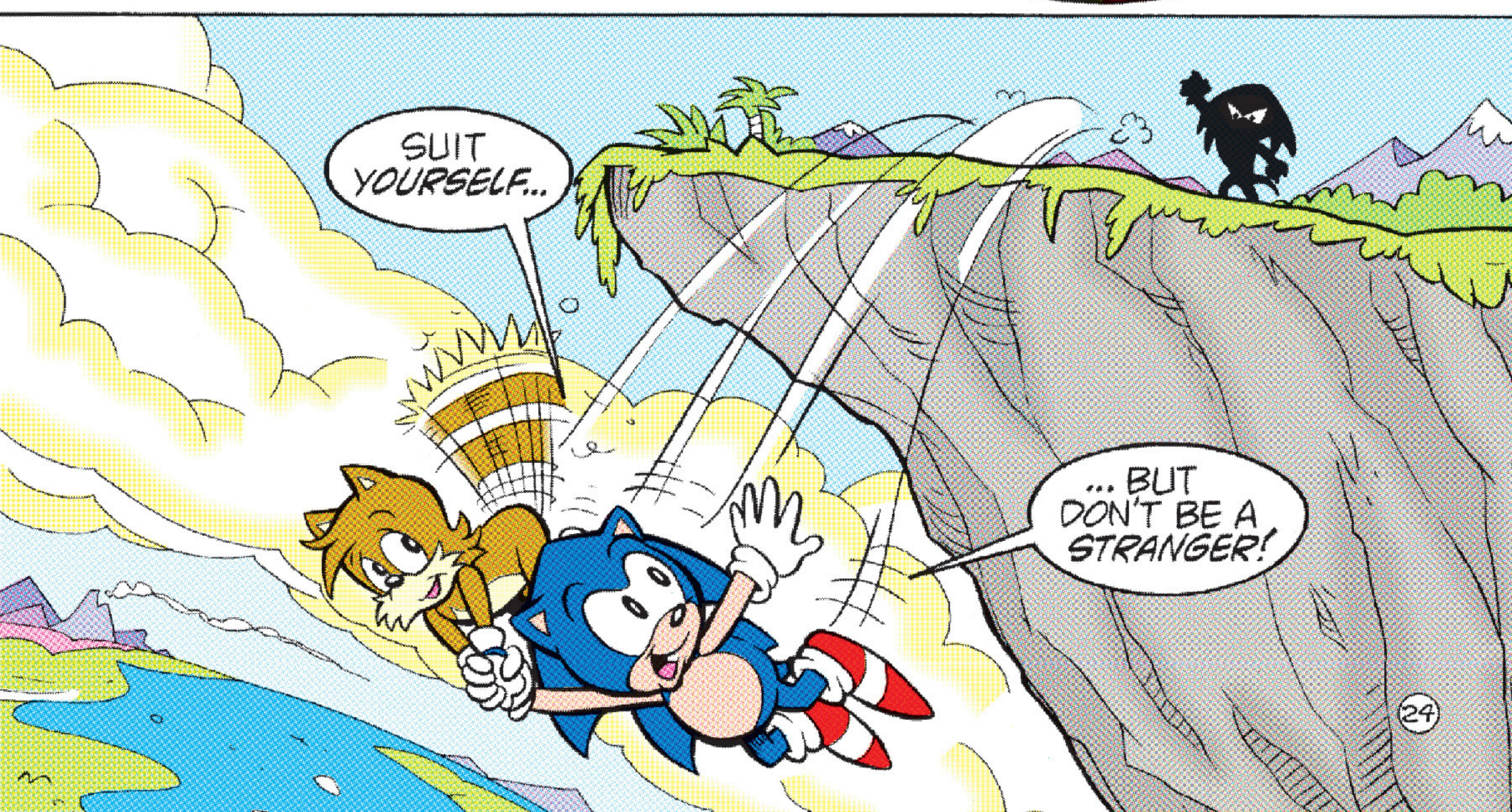
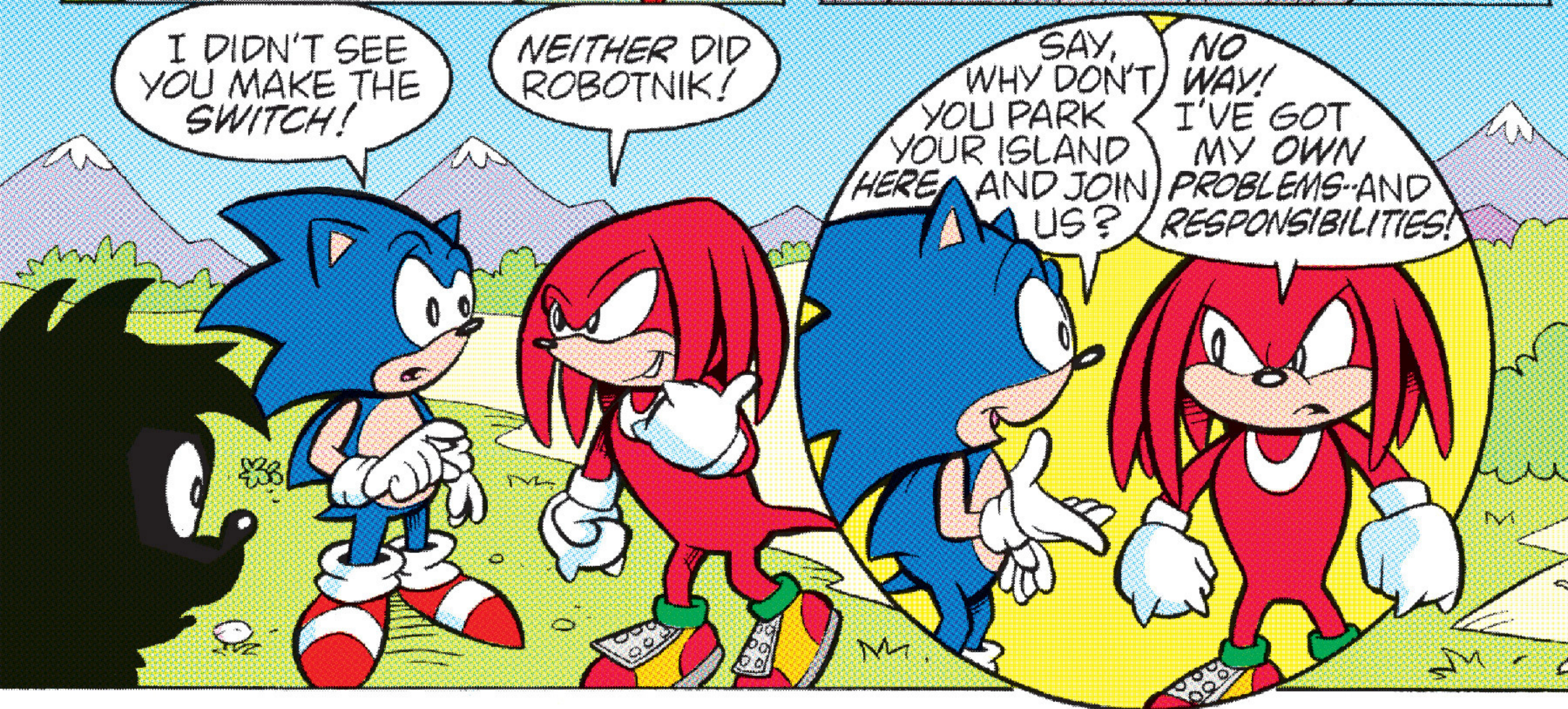
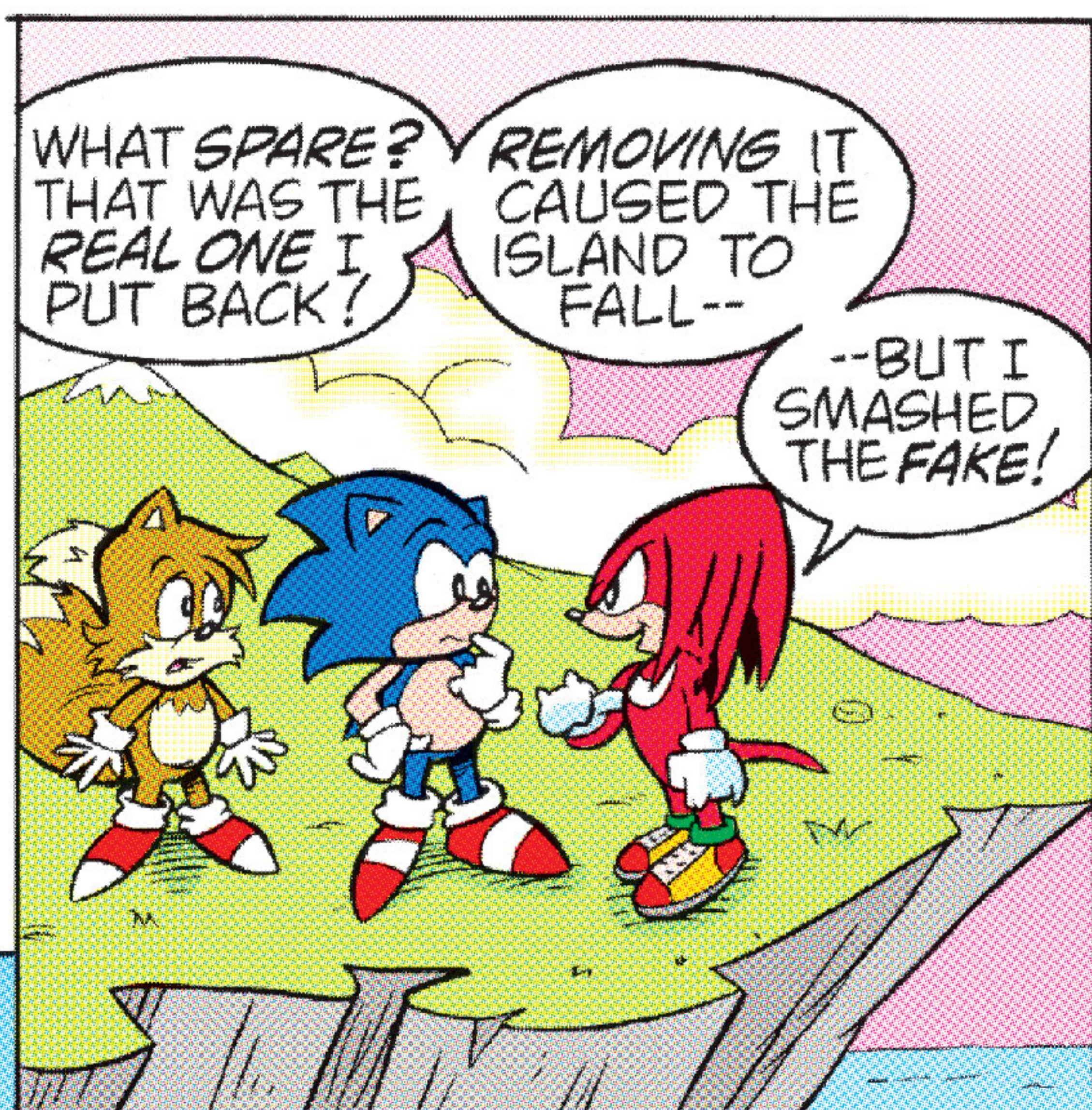
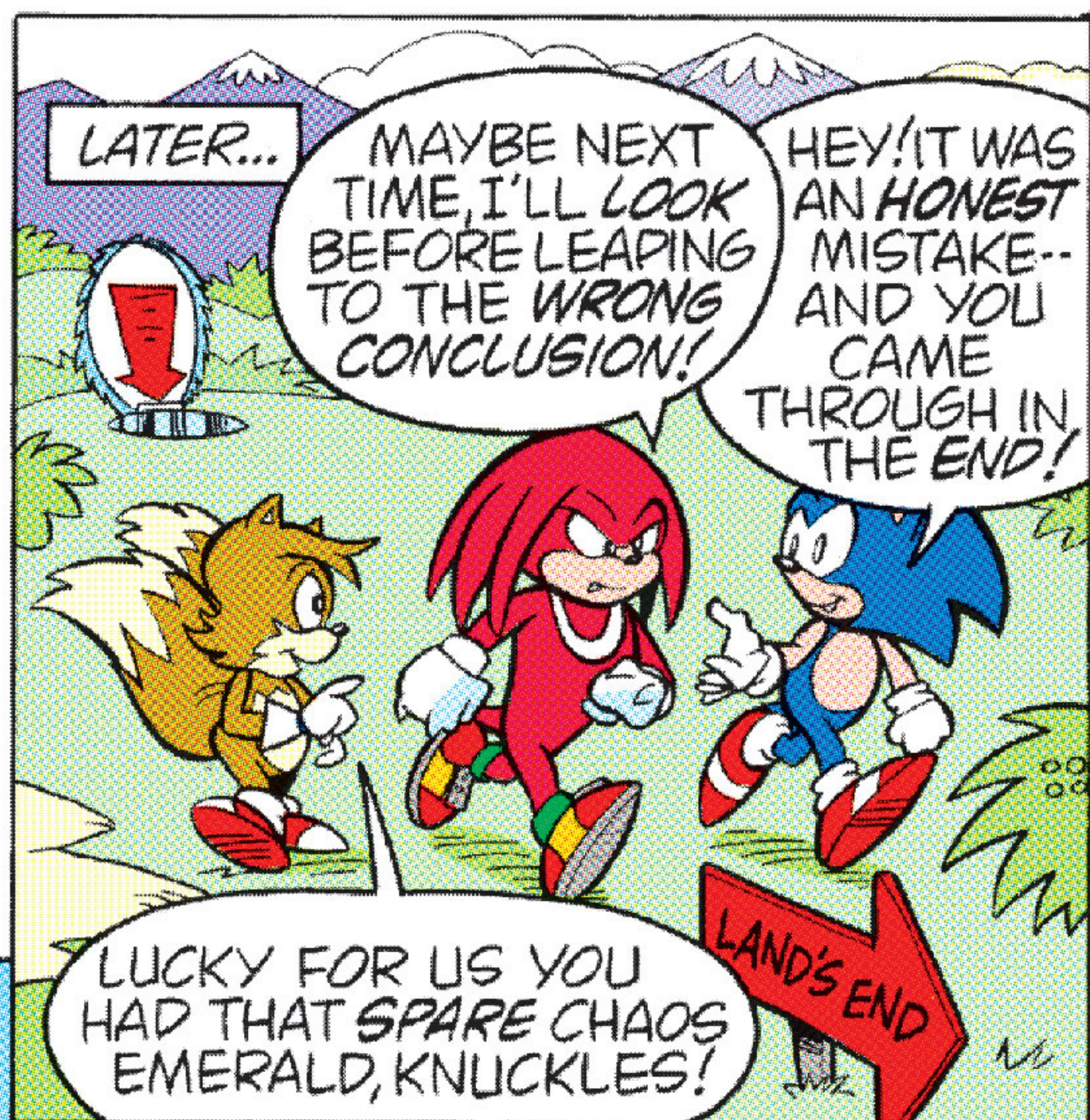
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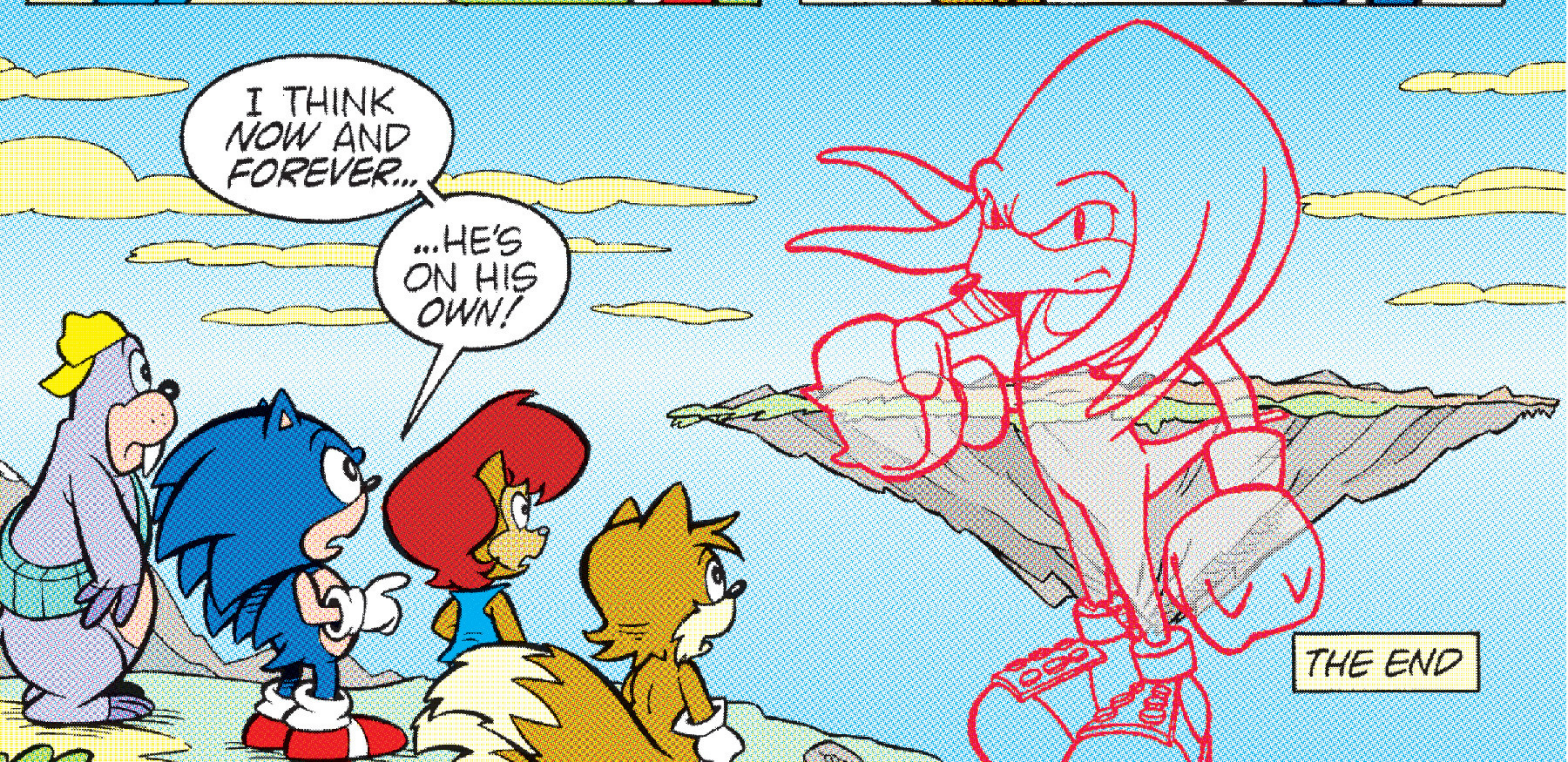
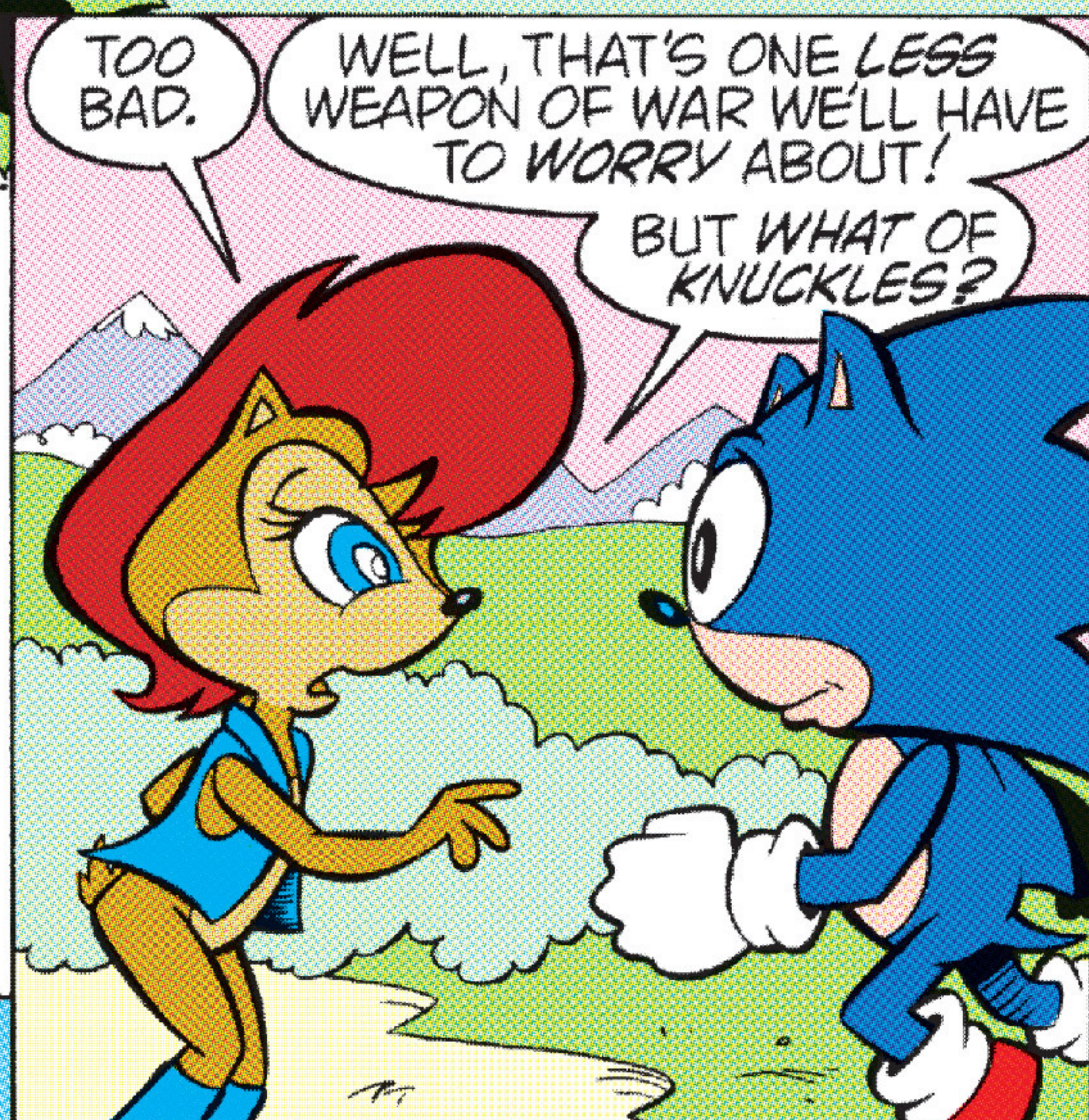
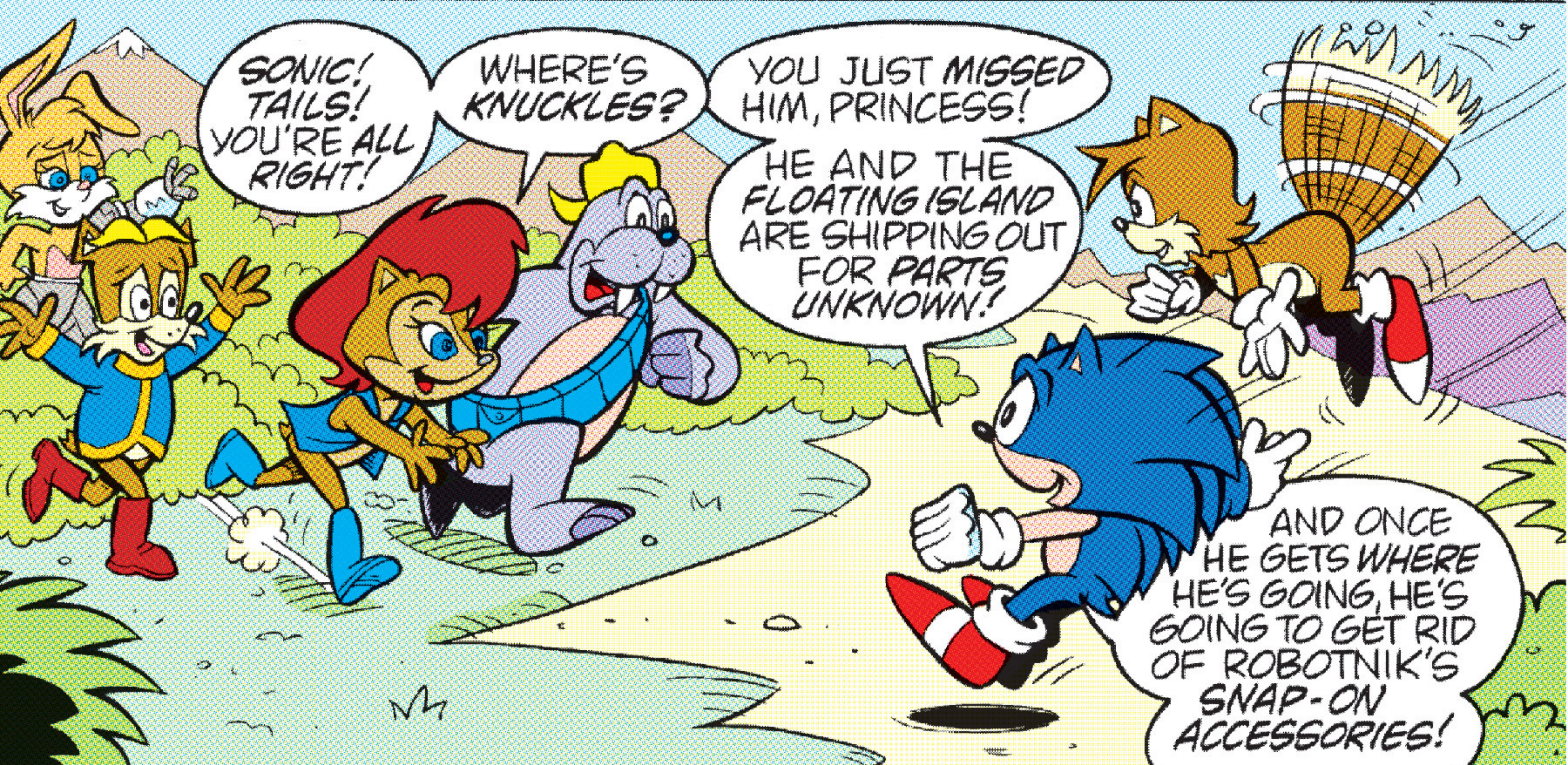




SKA-REEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE







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A QUIET DAY ON
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KA-THOOOM!

WHAT WAS *THAT*?!
SOME *DUDE*
STARTING TROUBLE
ON *MY* TURF?

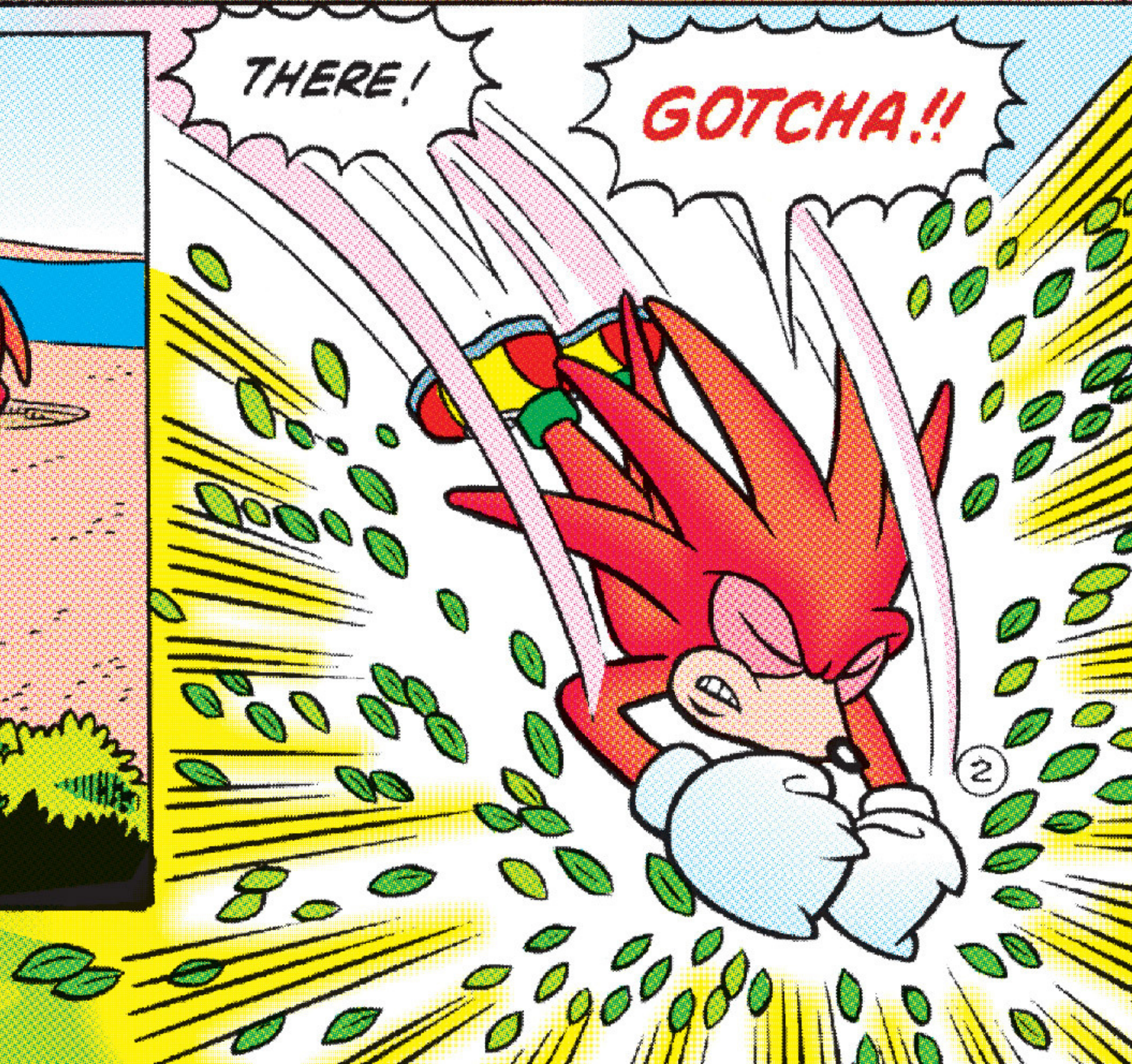
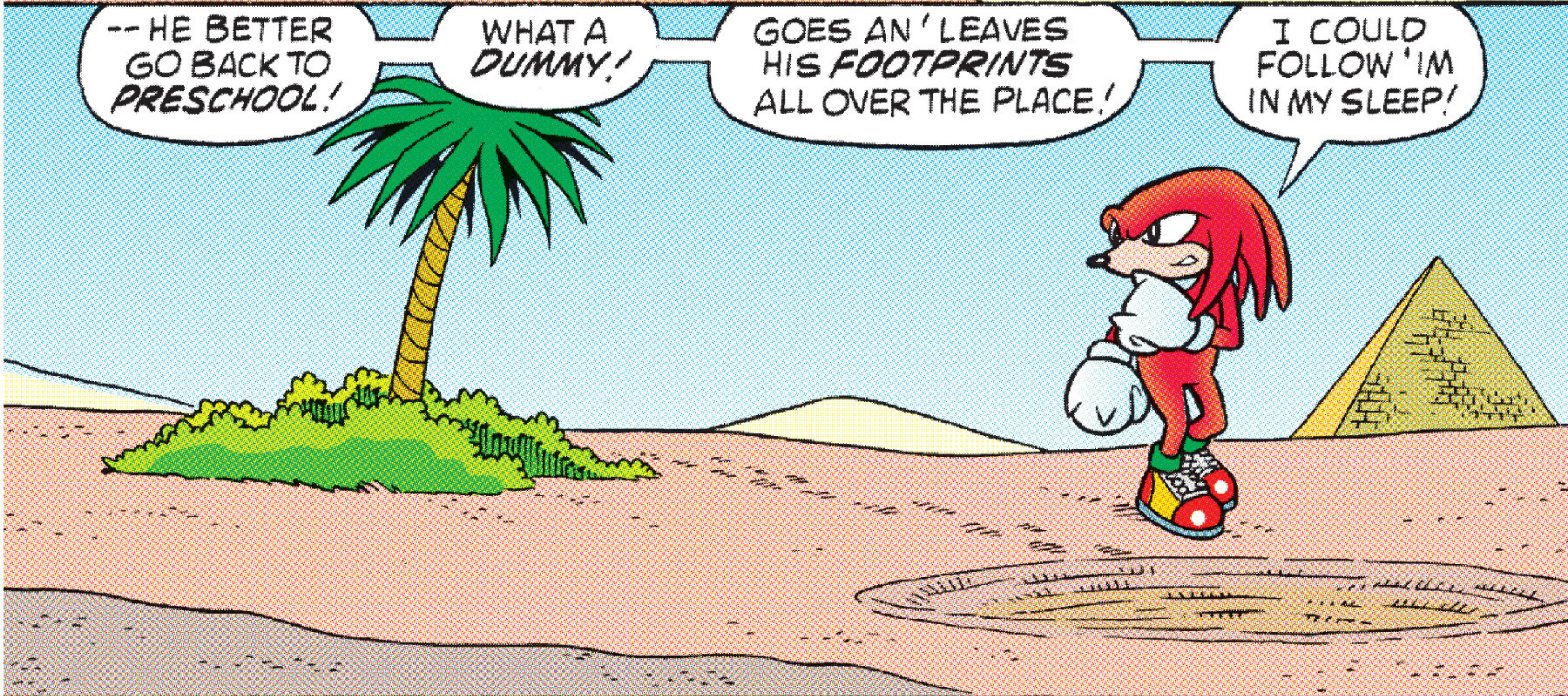
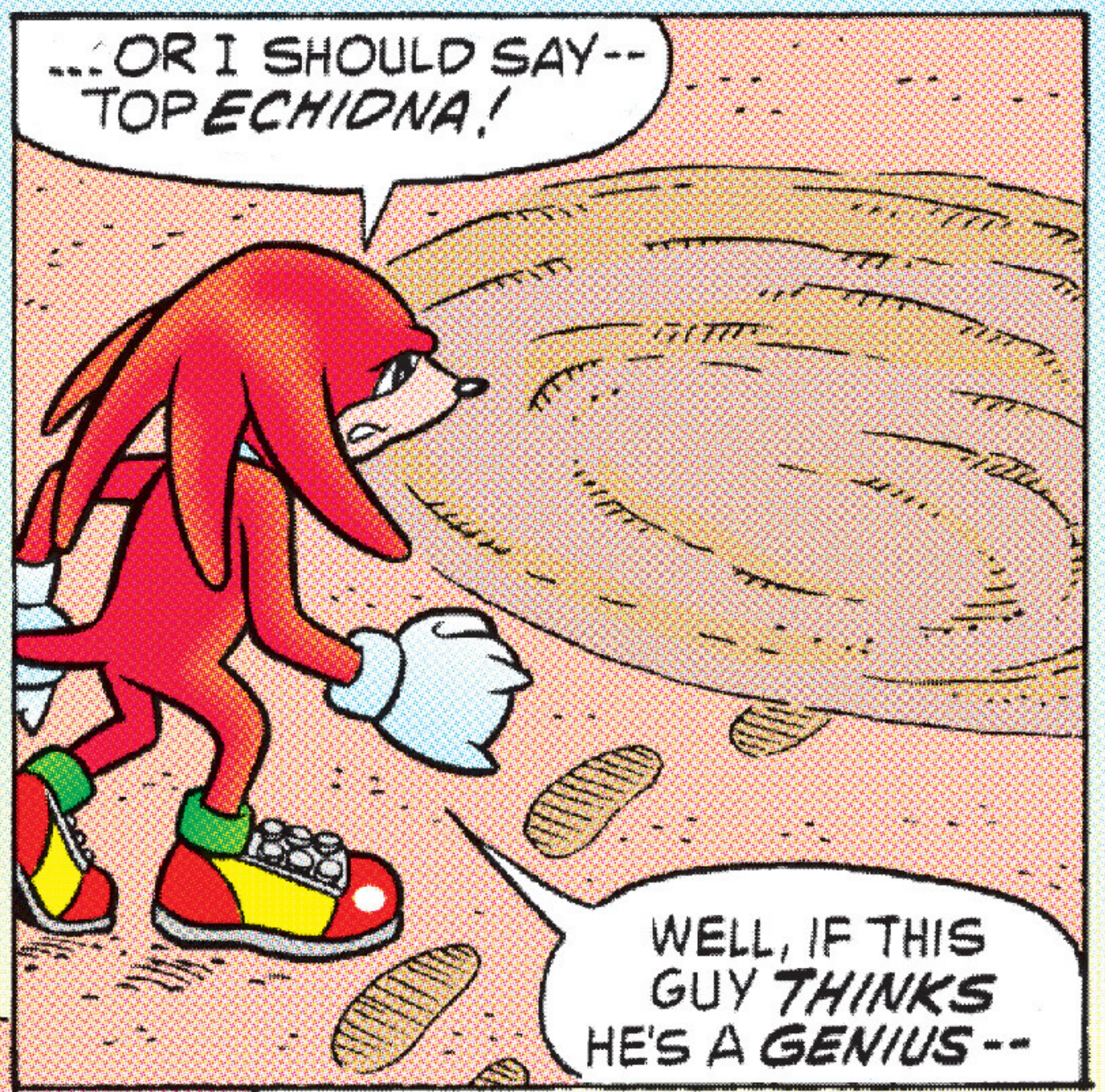
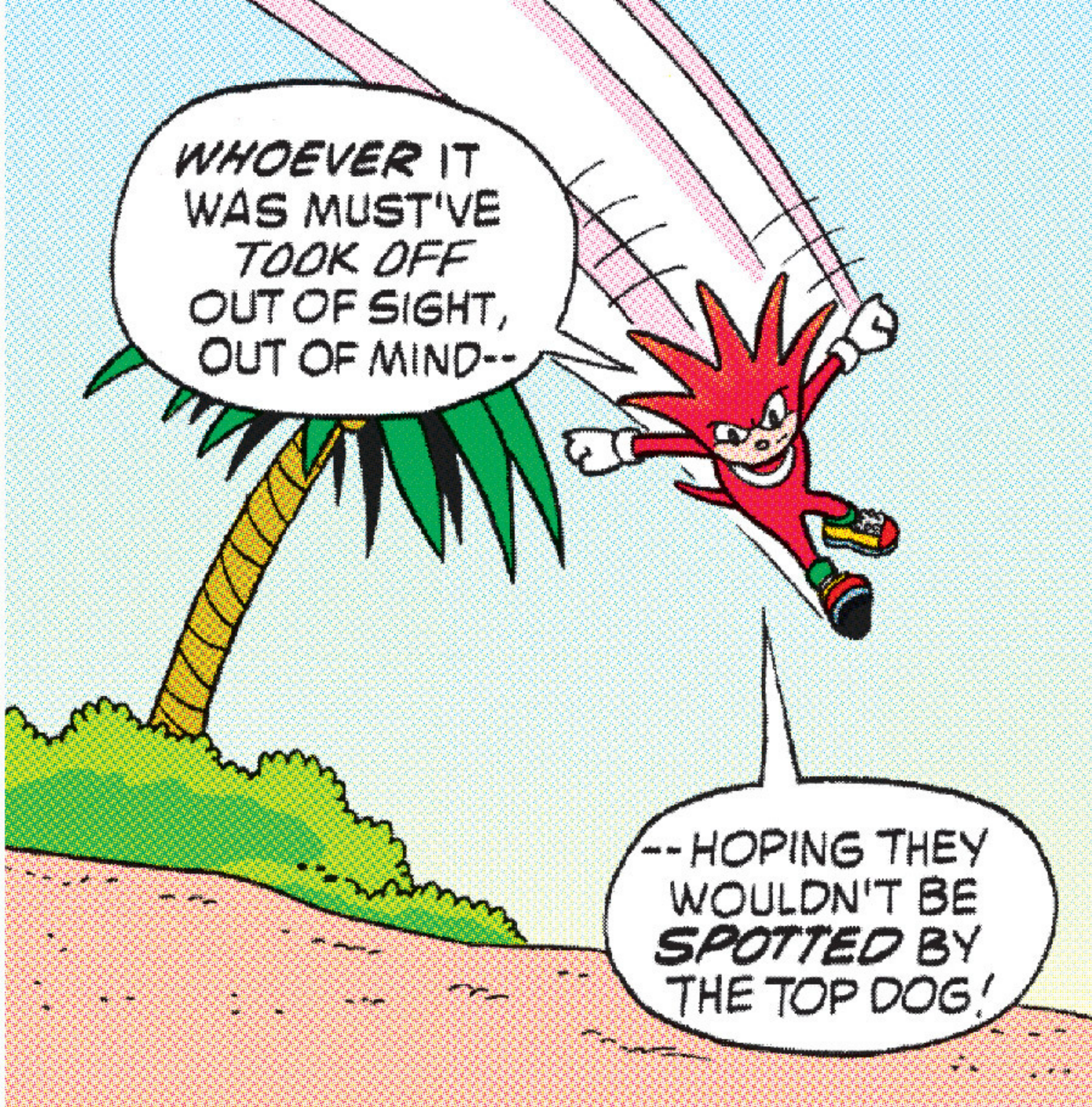
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**FIRE
DRILL**

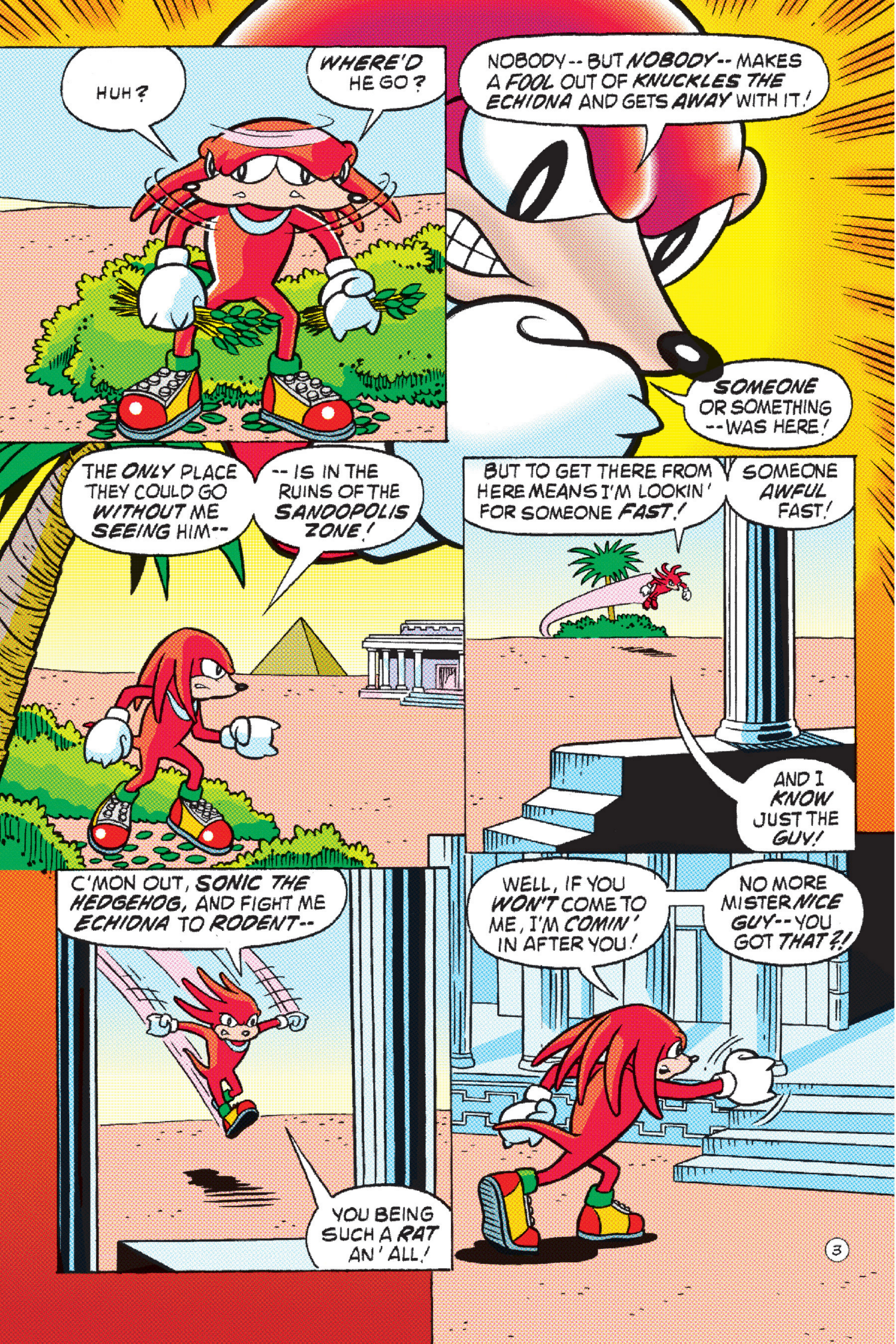
SOUNDS LIKE IT
CAME FROM
THE BEACH!

I'D BETTER *WING*
IT OVER THERE --
REAL FAST!

WHA--?

NOBODY'S HERE!
JUST A *CRATER!*





HUH?

WHERE'D HE GO?

NOBODY-- BUT *NOBODY*-- MAKES A FOOL OUT OF *KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA* AND GETS AWAY WITH IT!

SOMEONE OR SOMETHING --WAS HERE!

THE *ONLY* PLACE THEY COULD GO *WITHOUT ME SEEING HIM*--

-- IS IN THE RUINS OF THE *SANDOPOLIS ZONE*!

BUT TO GET THERE FROM HERE MEANS I'M LOOKIN' FOR SOMEONE *FAST*!

SOMEONE *AWFUL FAST*!

AND I *KNOW* JUST THE GUY!

C'MON OUT, *SONIC THE HEDGEHOG*, AND FIGHT ME *ECHIDNA TO RODENT*--

WELL, IF YOU *WON'T* COME TO ME, I'M *COMIN'* IN AFTER YOU!

NO MORE *MISTER NICE GUY*-- YOU GOT THAT?!

YOU BEING SUCH A *RAT* AN' ALL!

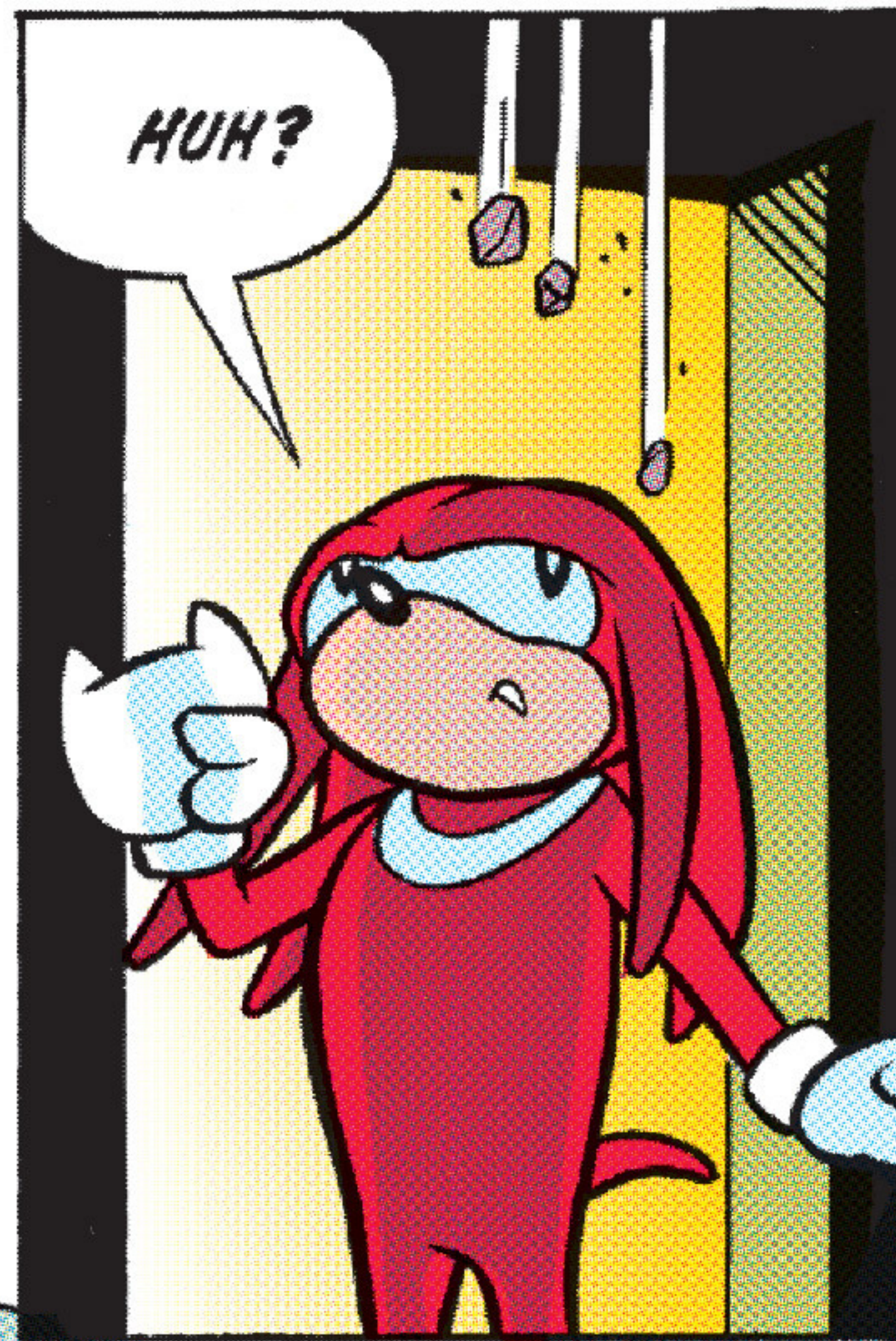


AND I'M GOING
TO MAKE YOU
PAY FOR
DRAGGIN' ME
INTO THE
DARK!

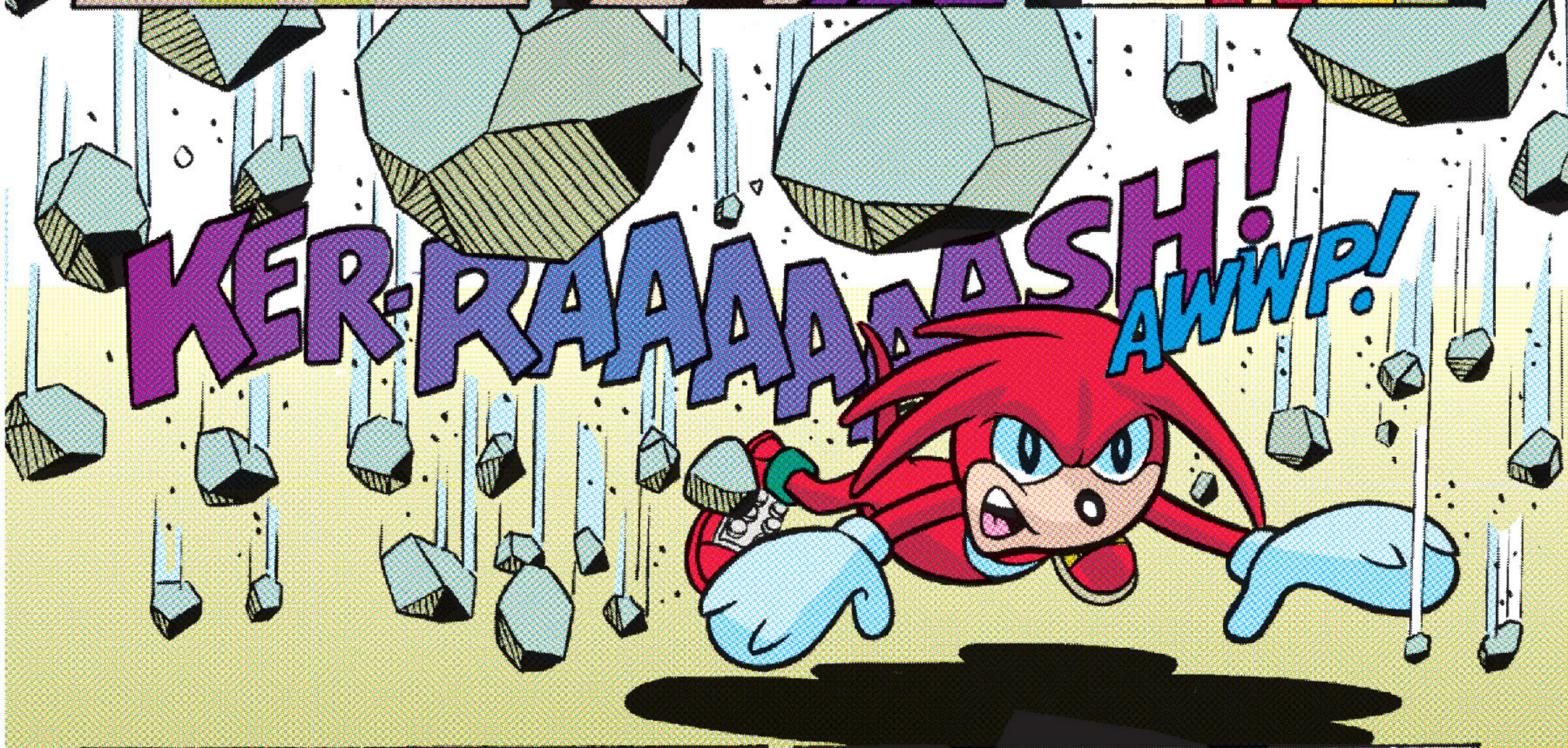
OOOO,
HOW I
HATE
THE DARK!



SNAKT!



HUH?



KER-RAAAAAASH!
AWWP!



THAT'S IT!
THAT'S IT!!!

SO YOU
WANNA PLAY
HIDE 'N' SEEK,
EH?



I GOT A
BETTER
GAME--

I CALL IT "A
FISTFUL OF
KNUCKLES!"

SO IF YOU
KNOW
WHAT'S
GOOD FOR
YOU--

--YOU'LL DO THIS EASY OR
I'LL **REALLY** BRING THE
HOUSE **DOWN** ON YOU!

YOU CAN'T
HIDE FROM ME
FOR LONG!

DON'T YOU
KNOW--

--I'M THE **GUARDIAN**
OF THIS ISLAND?!
YOU **CAN'T** MESS
AROUND WHILE I'M
ON WATCH!

YE-OW!

WHERE'D THAT
COME FROM?!

SOMETHIN'
FUNNY'S **GOIN'**
ON HERE!!

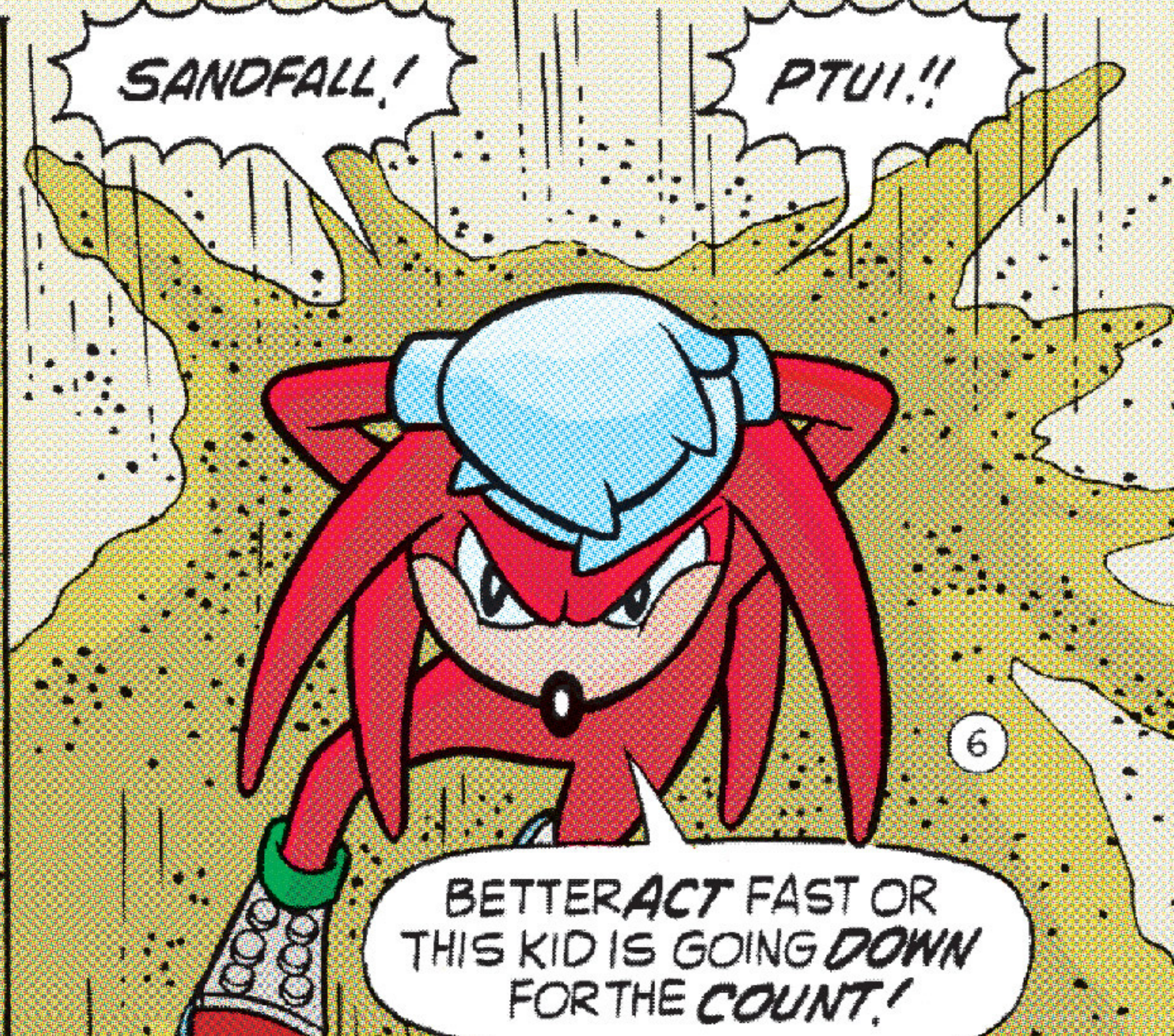
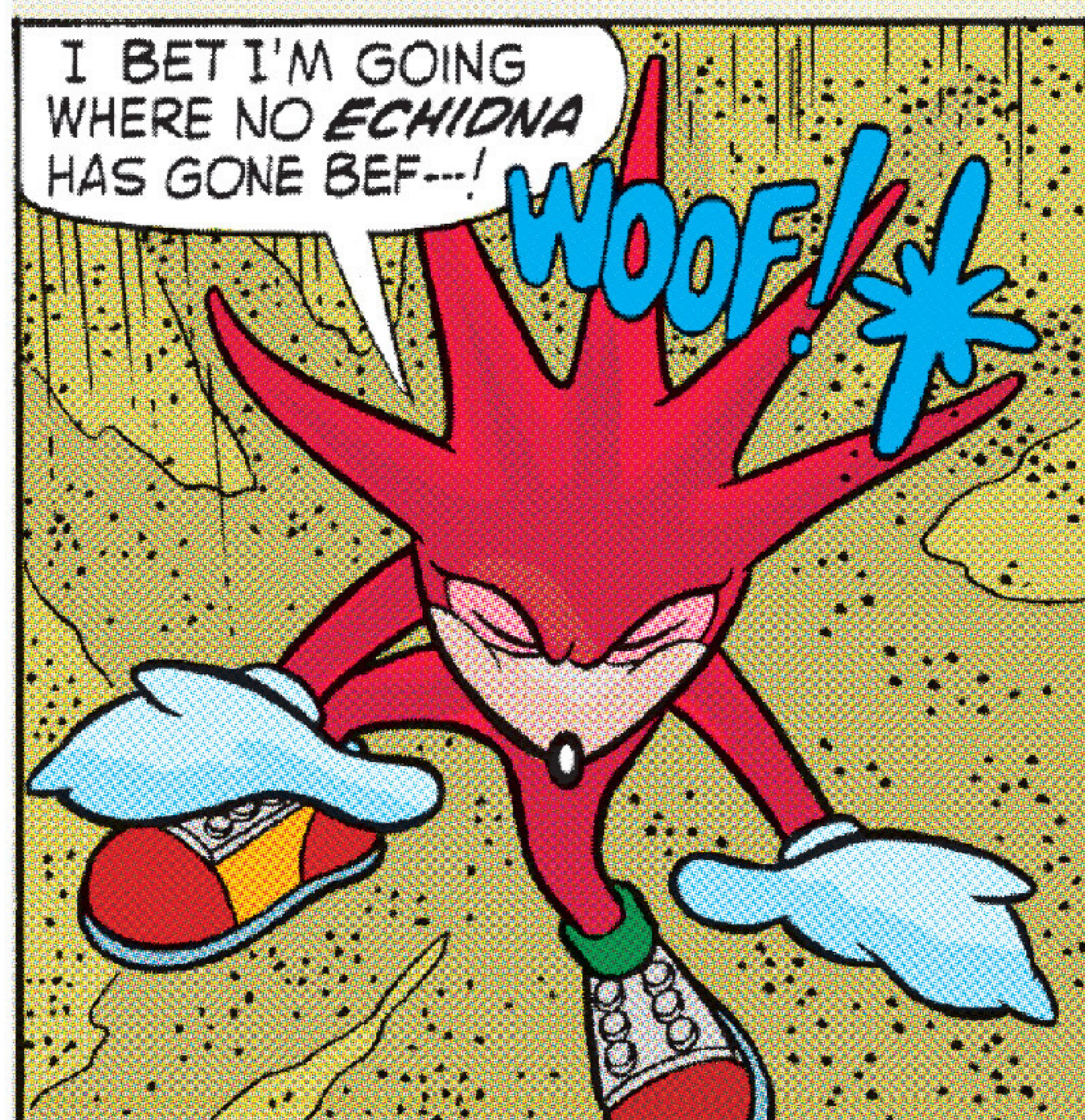
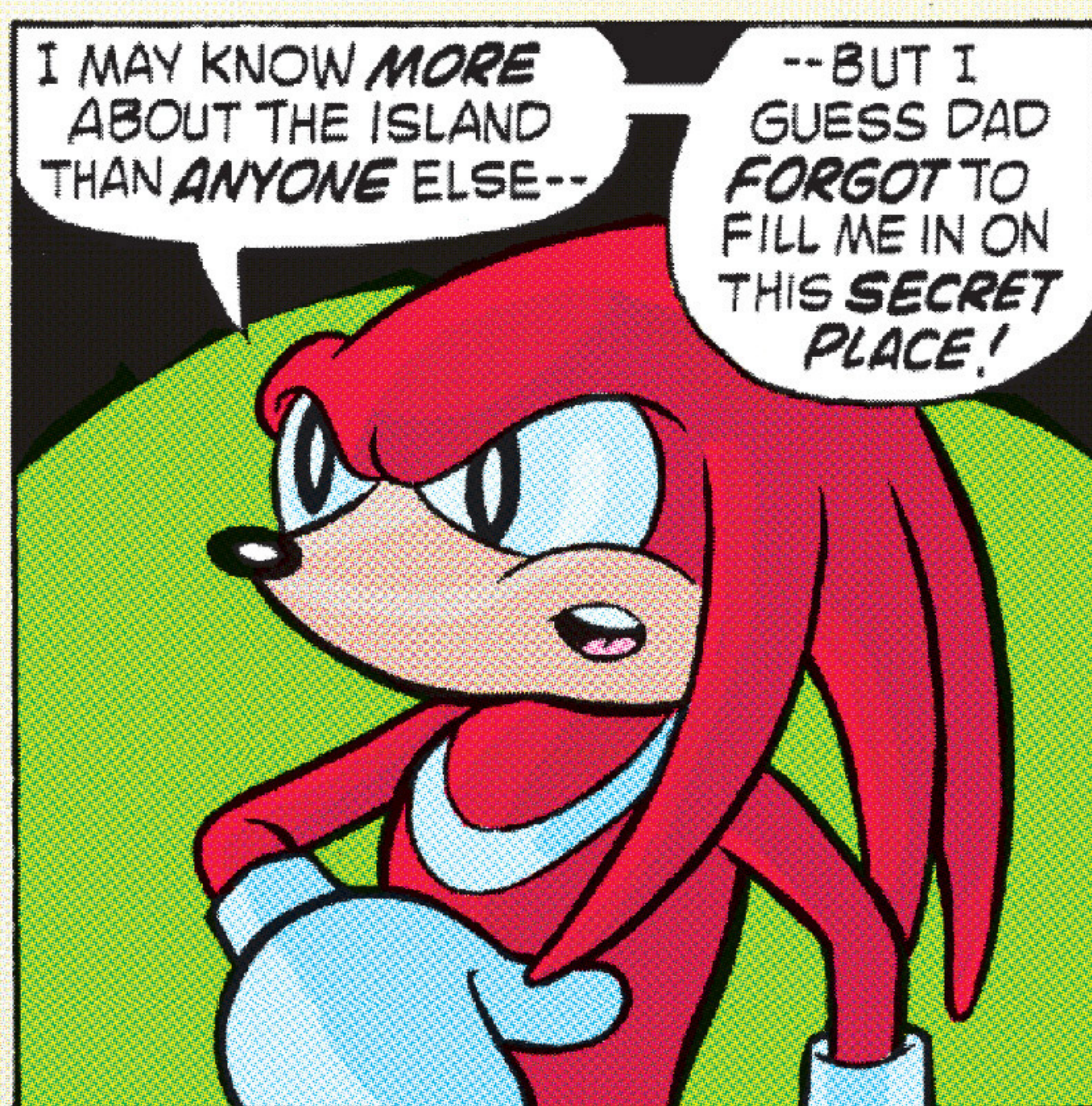
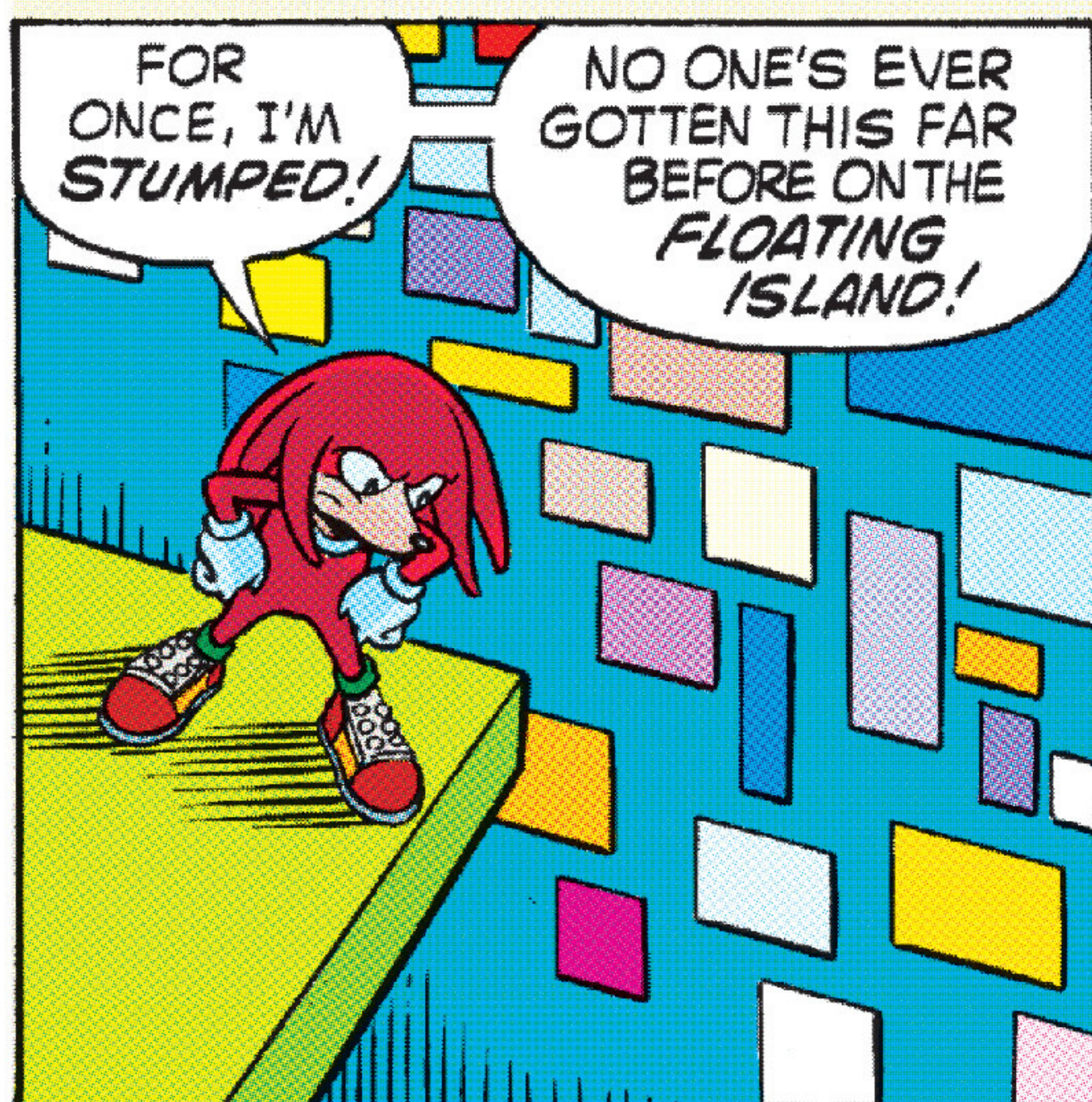
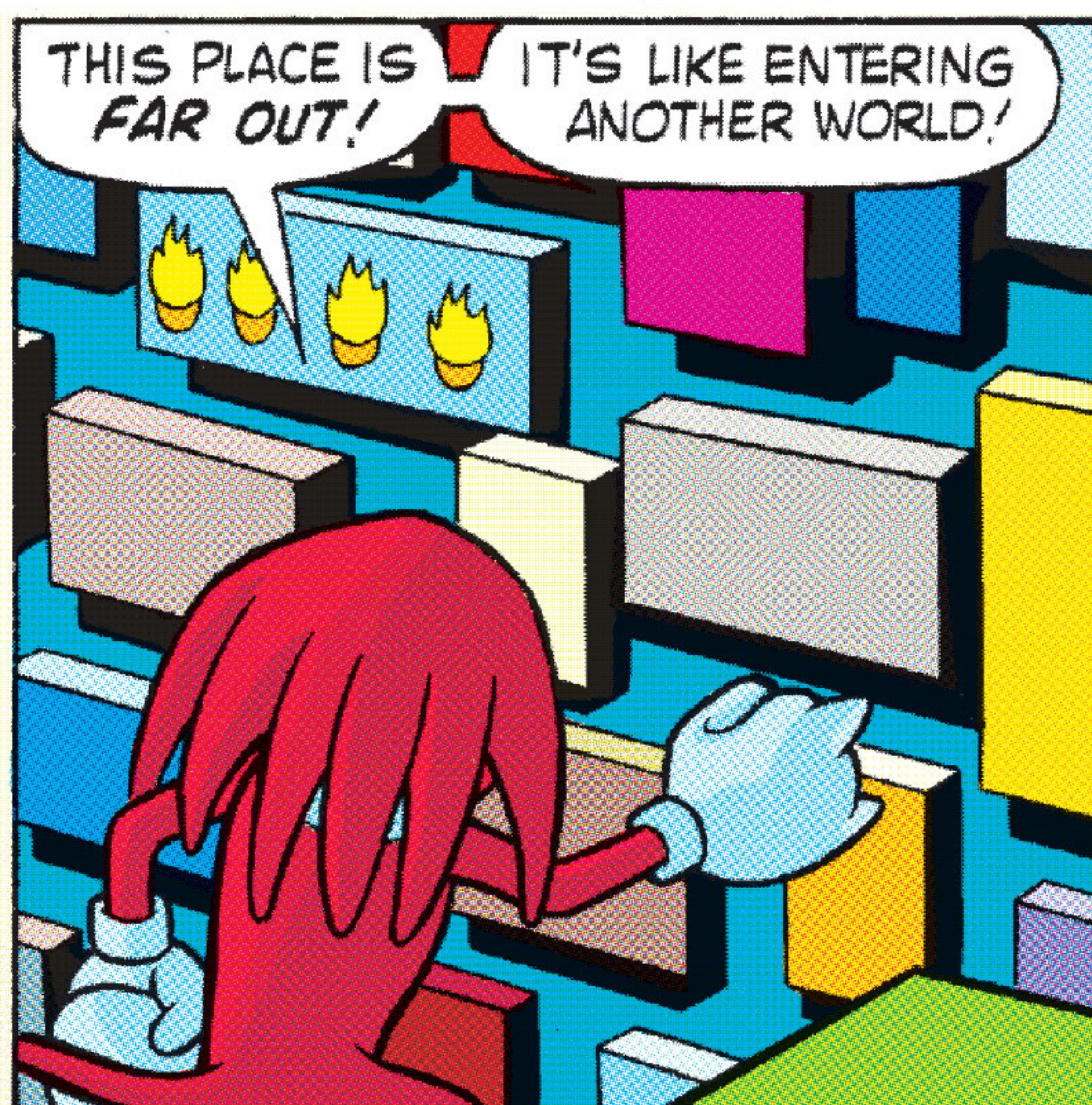
THE
PROBLEM
IS--
HOW COME
I'M **NOT**
LAUGHIN'?

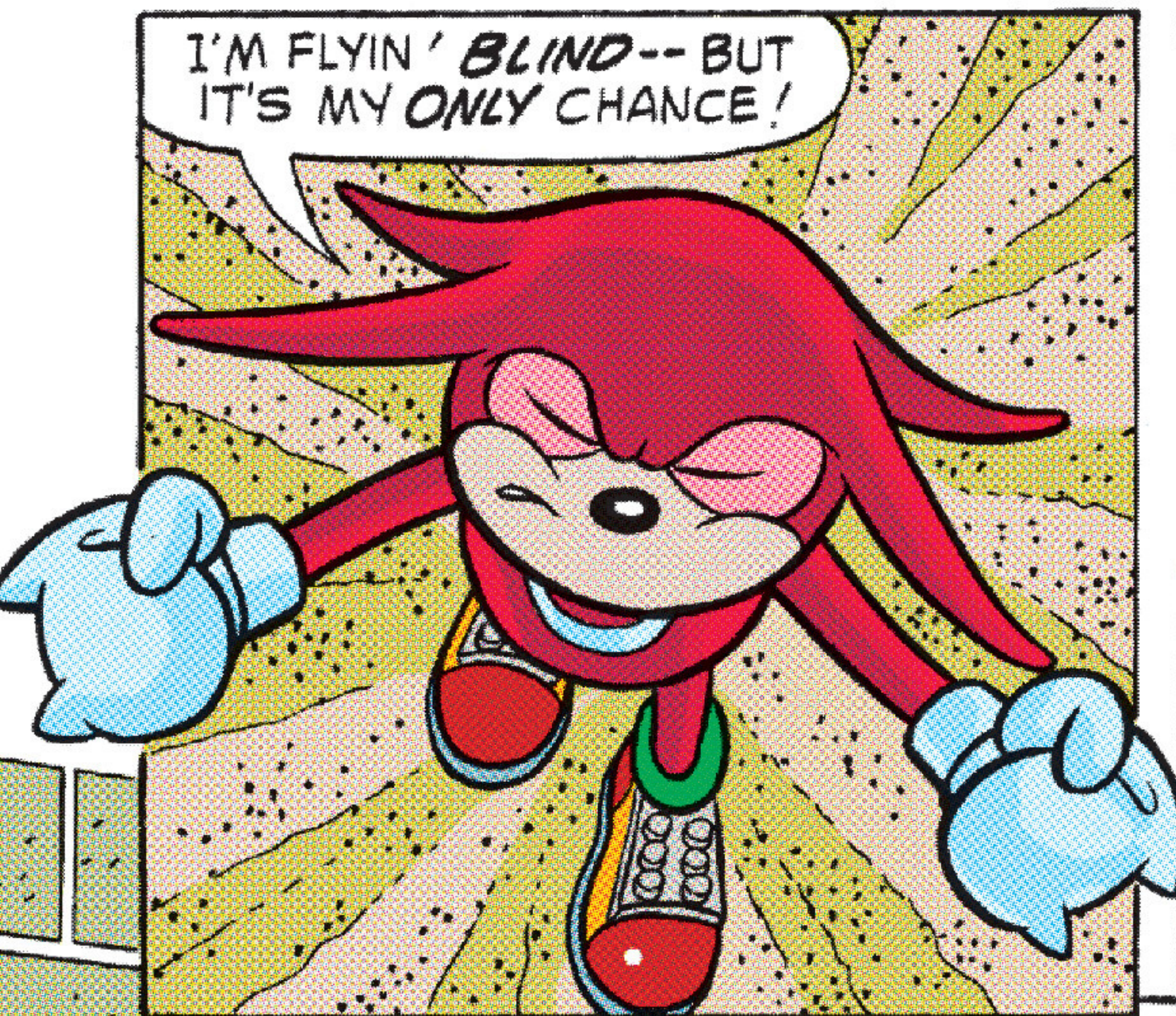
THUD!

WELL,
ISN'T **THIS**
SPECIAL!

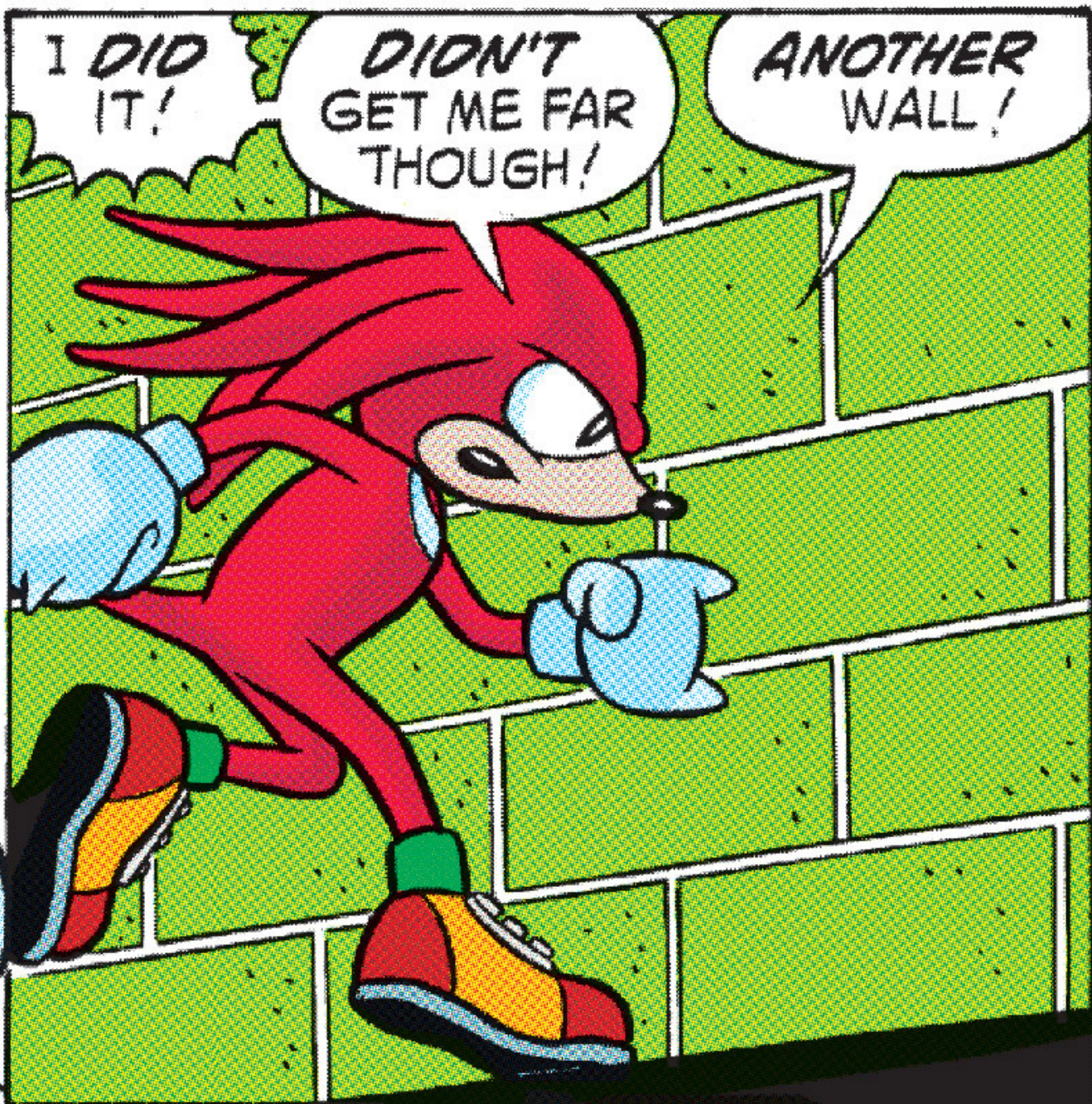
THE **WALL**
REVEALS IT'S
A **DOOR!**

SINCE THERE'S
NO WAY ANYONE
COULD'VE GOTTEN
PAST ME--





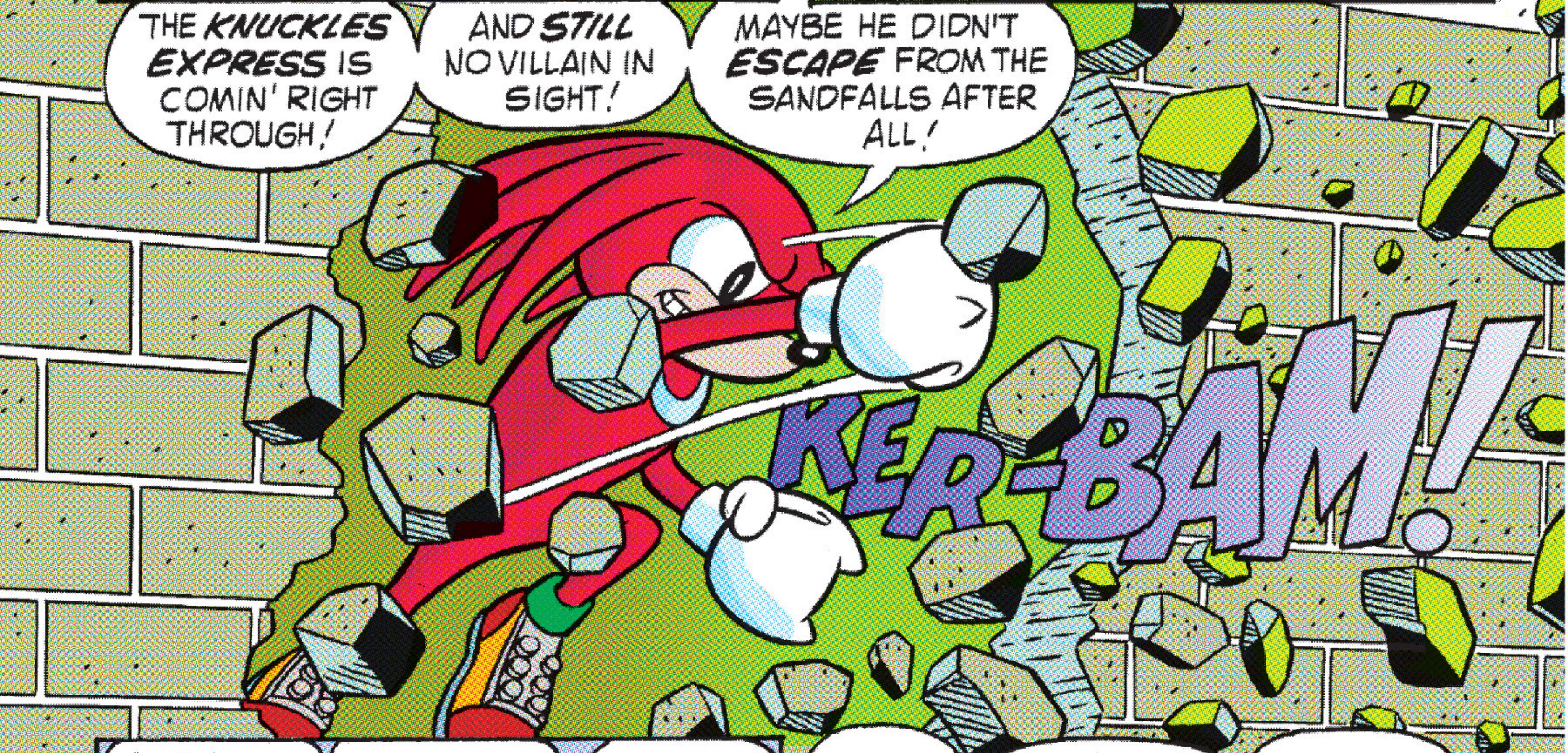
I'M FLYIN' **BLIND**-- BUT IT'S MY **ONLY** CHANCE!



I **DID** IT!

DIDN'T GET ME FAR THOUGH!

ANOTHER WALL!

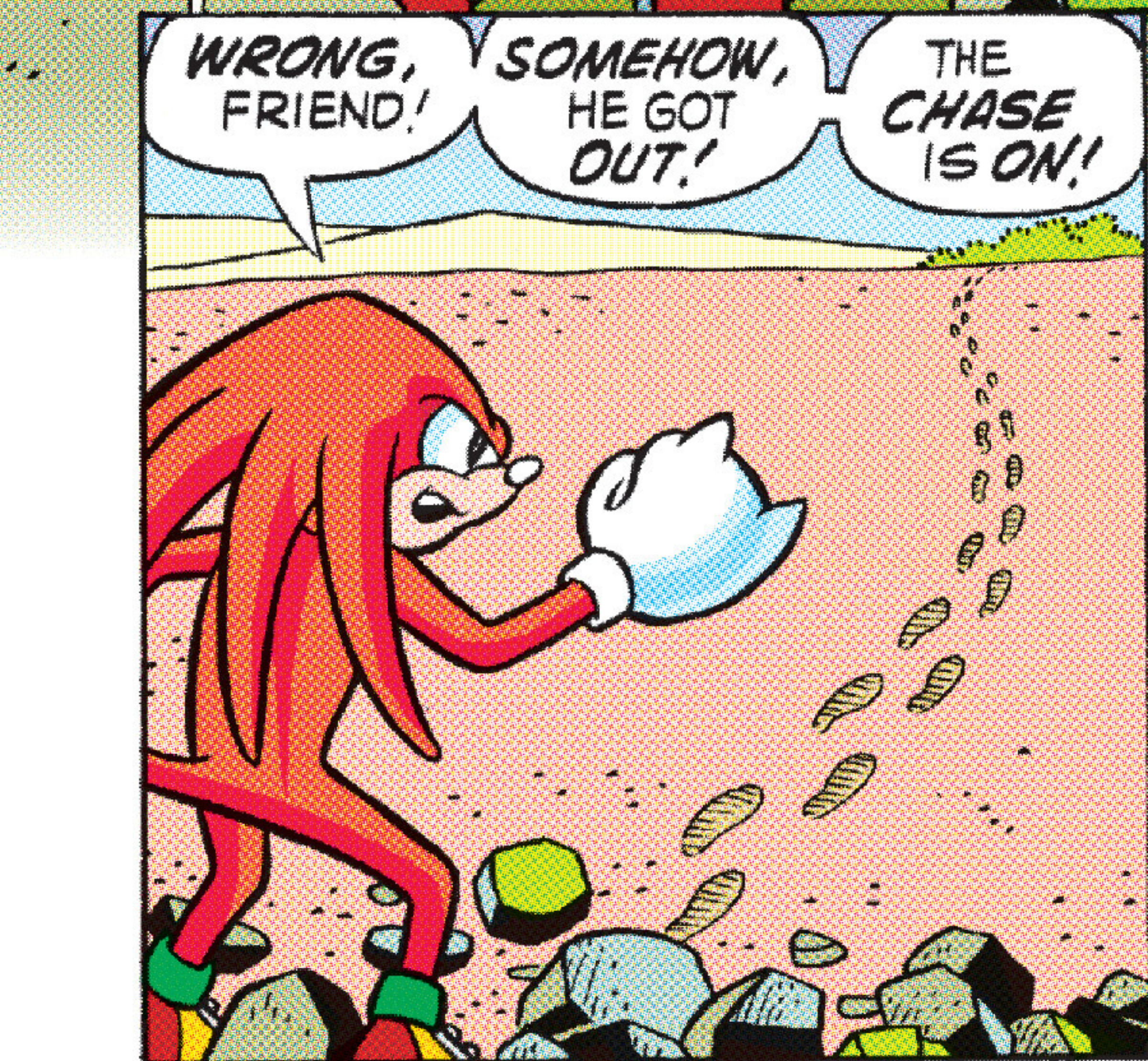


THE **KNUCKLES EXPRESS** IS COMIN' RIGHT THROUGH!

AND **STILL** NO VILLAIN IN SIGHT!

MAYBE HE DIDN'T **ESCAPE** FROM THE SANDFALLS AFTER ALL!

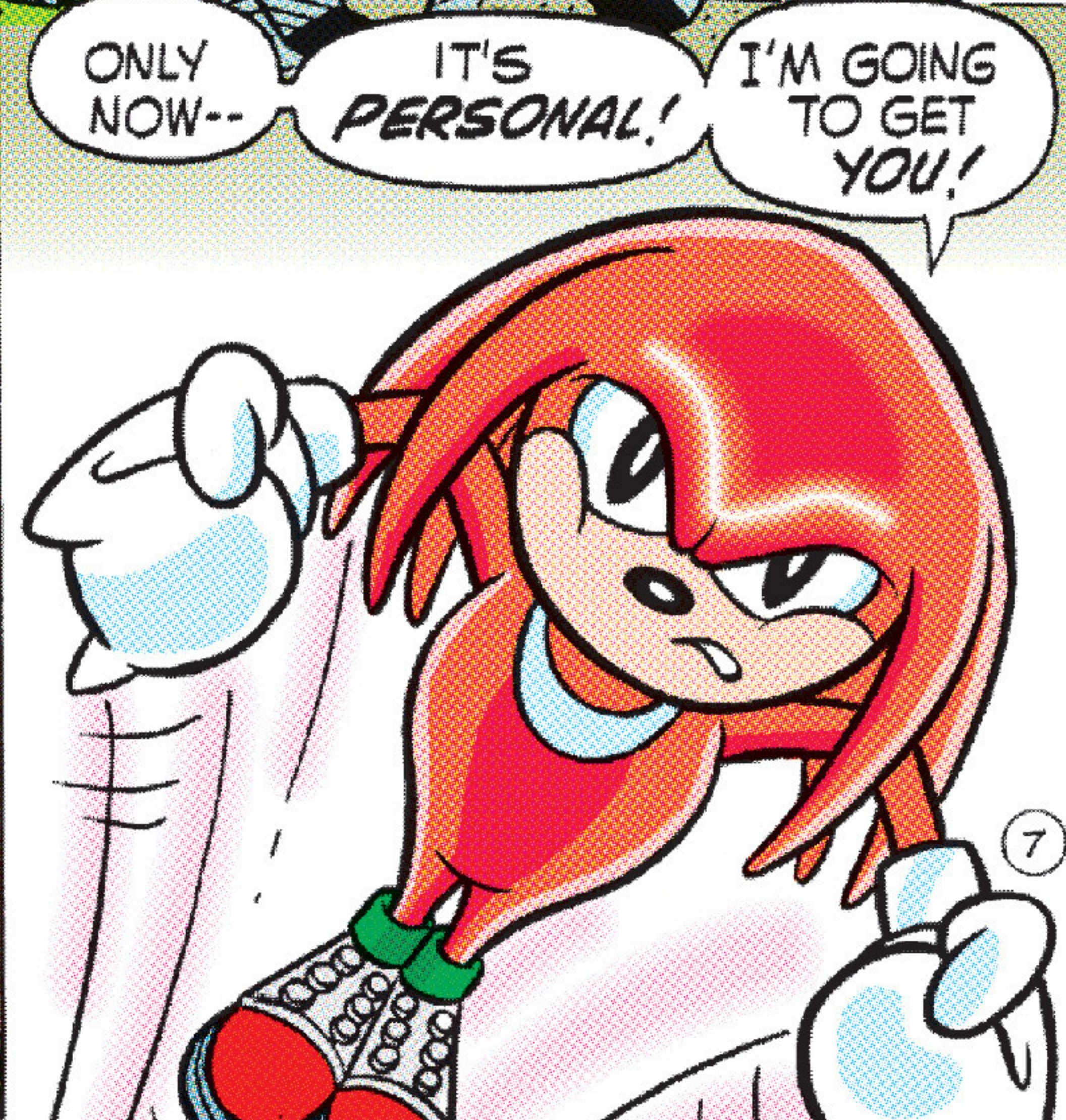
KER-BAM!



WRONG, FRIEND!

SOMEHOW, HE GOT OUT!

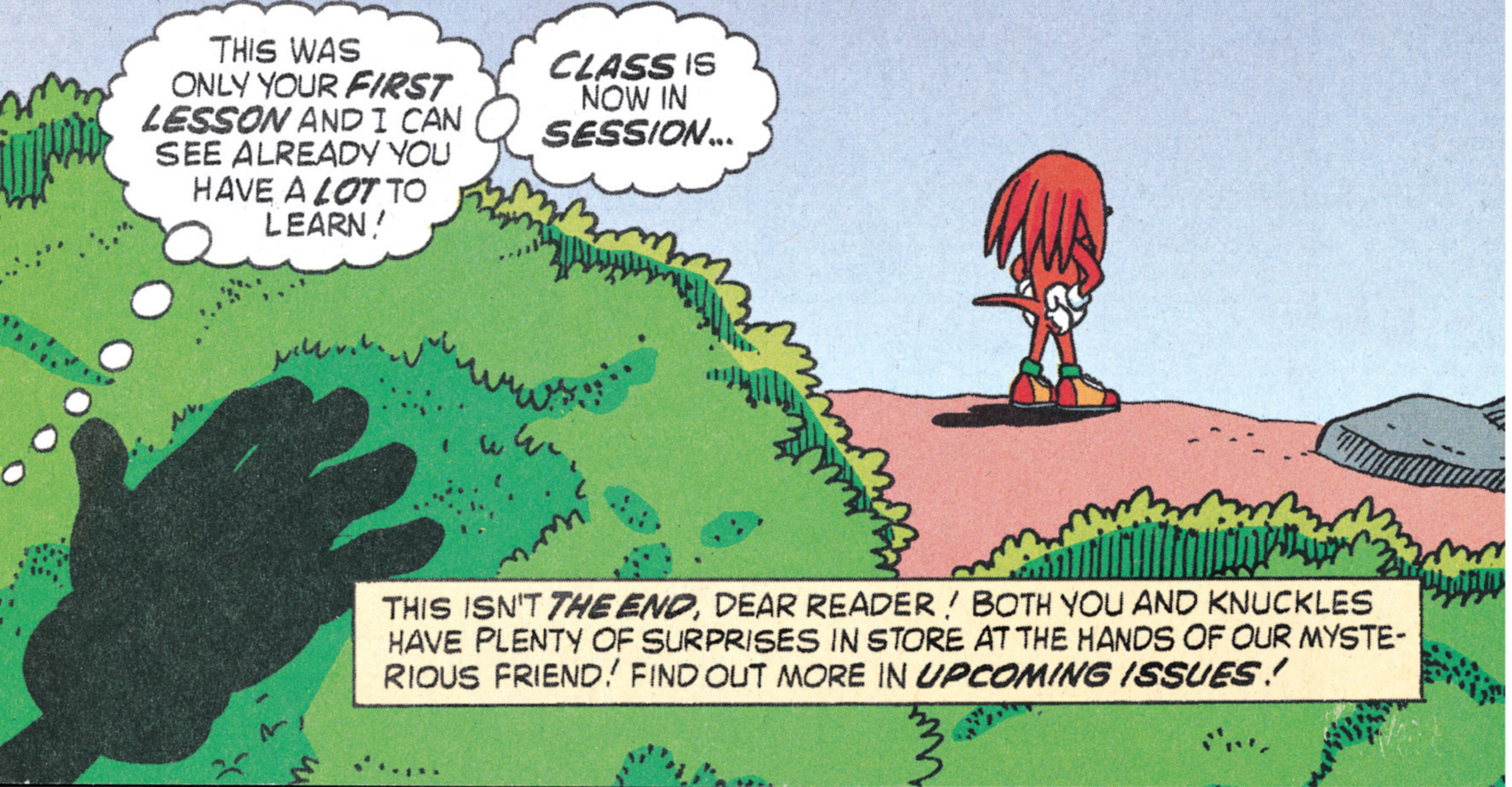
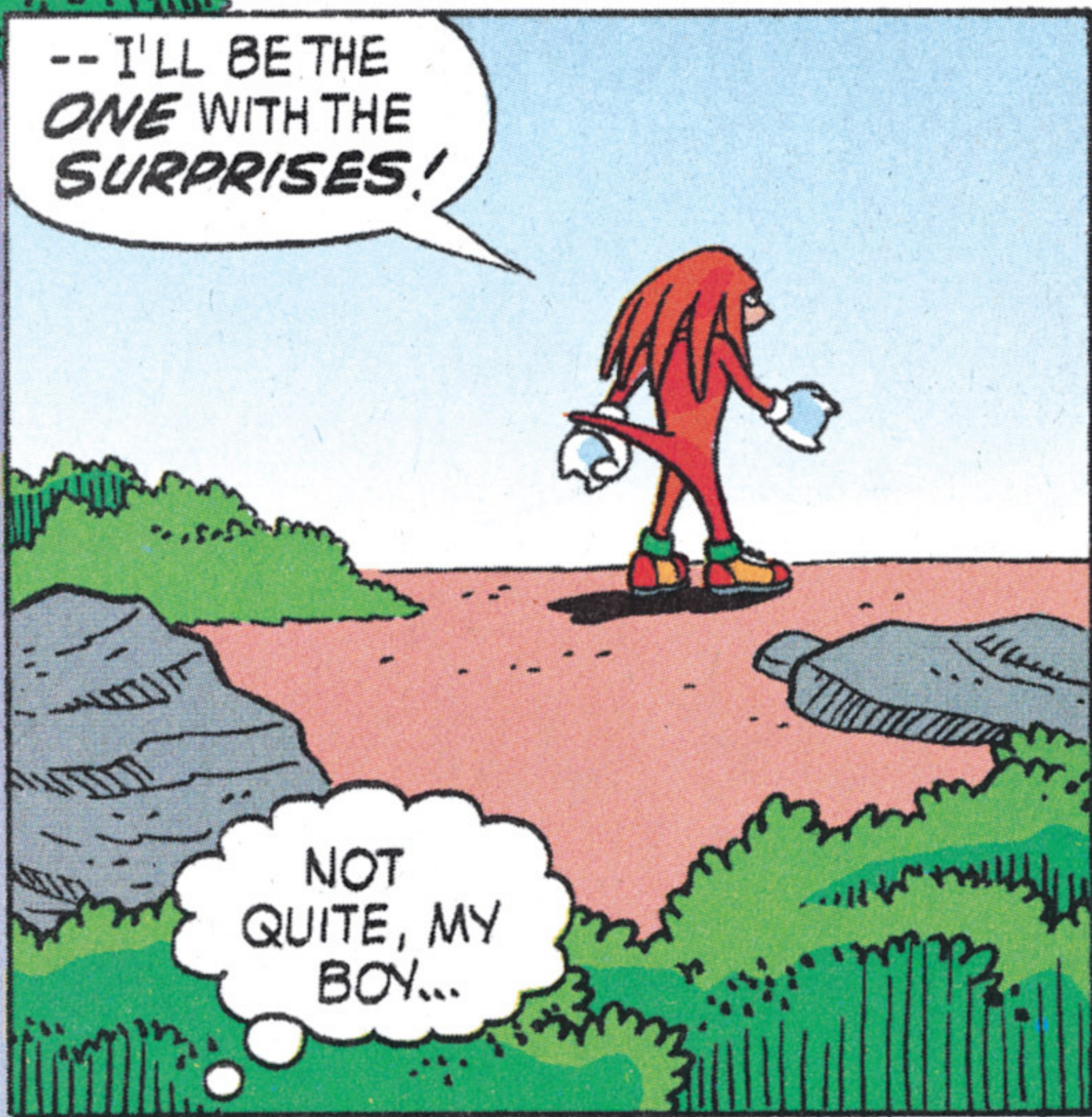
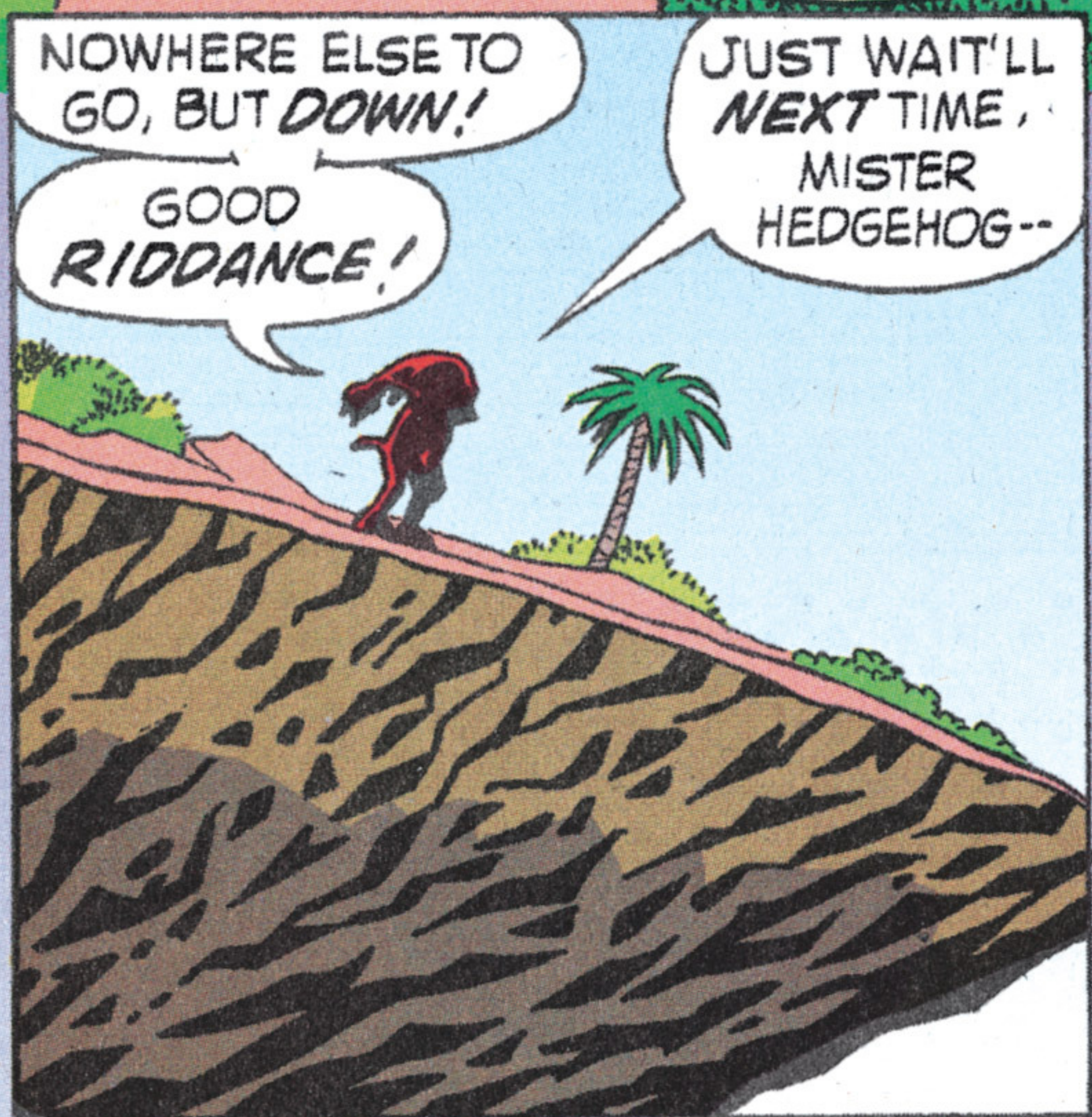
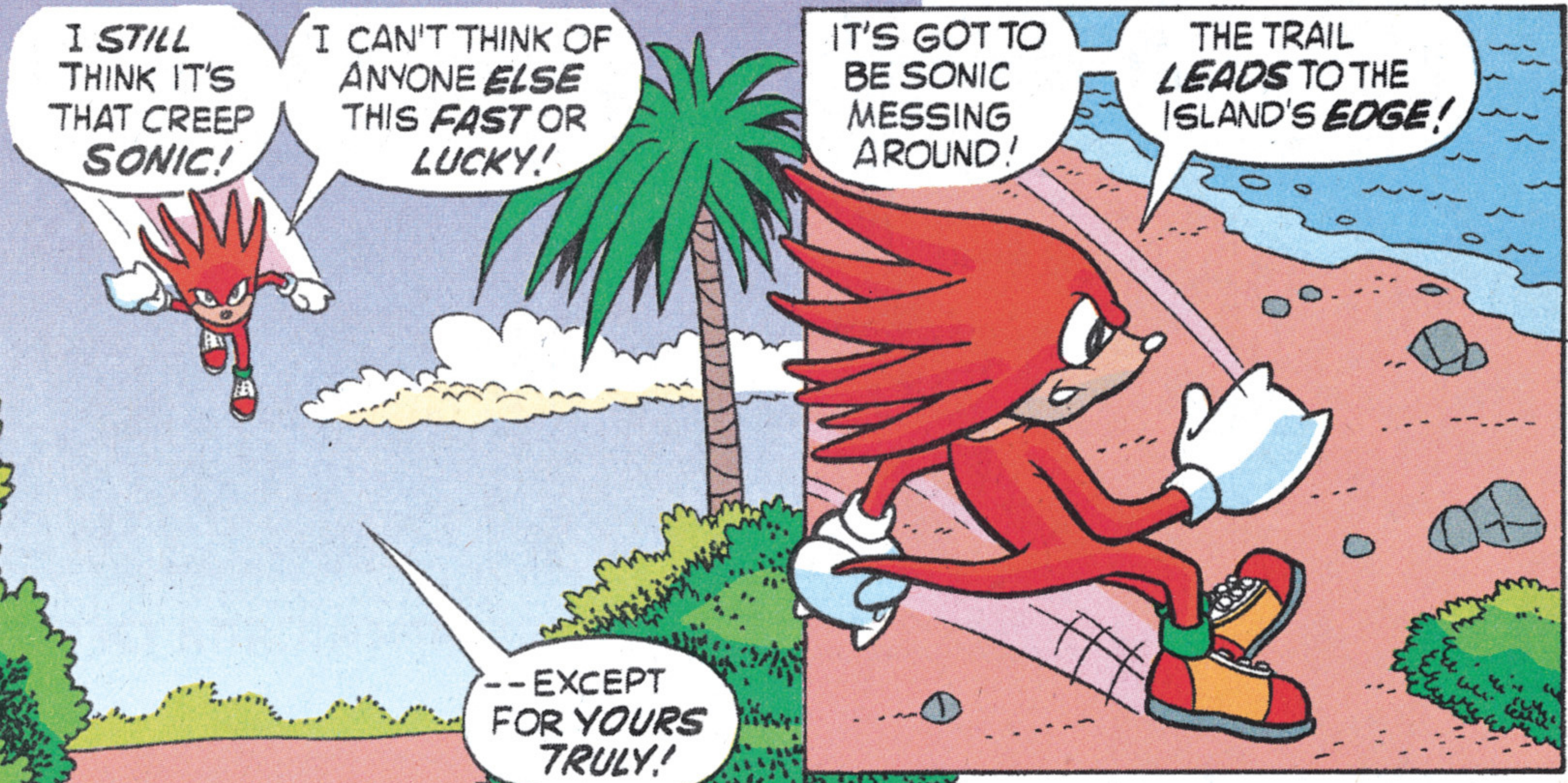
THE **CHASE** IS ON!



ONLY NOW--

IT'S **PERSONAL!**

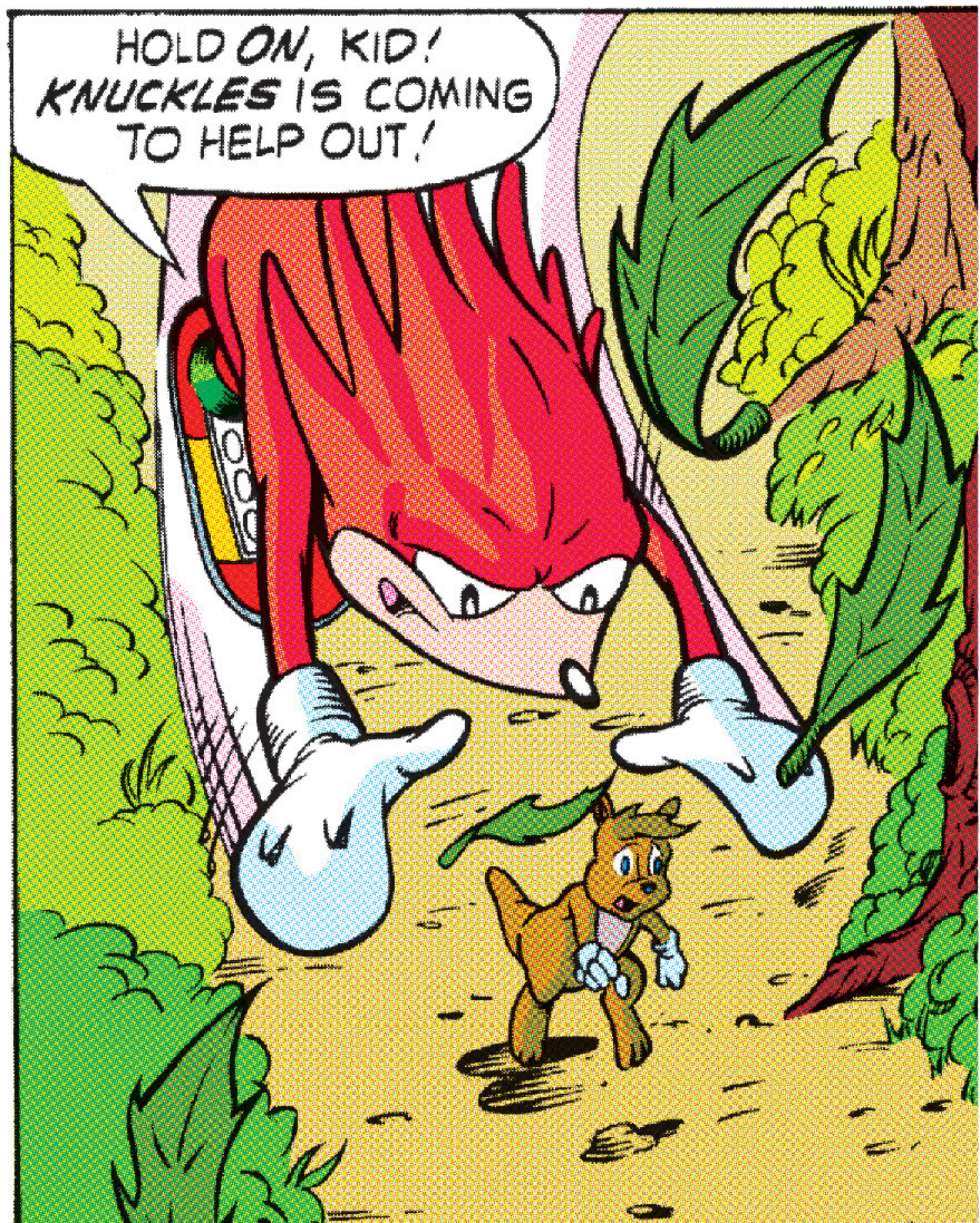
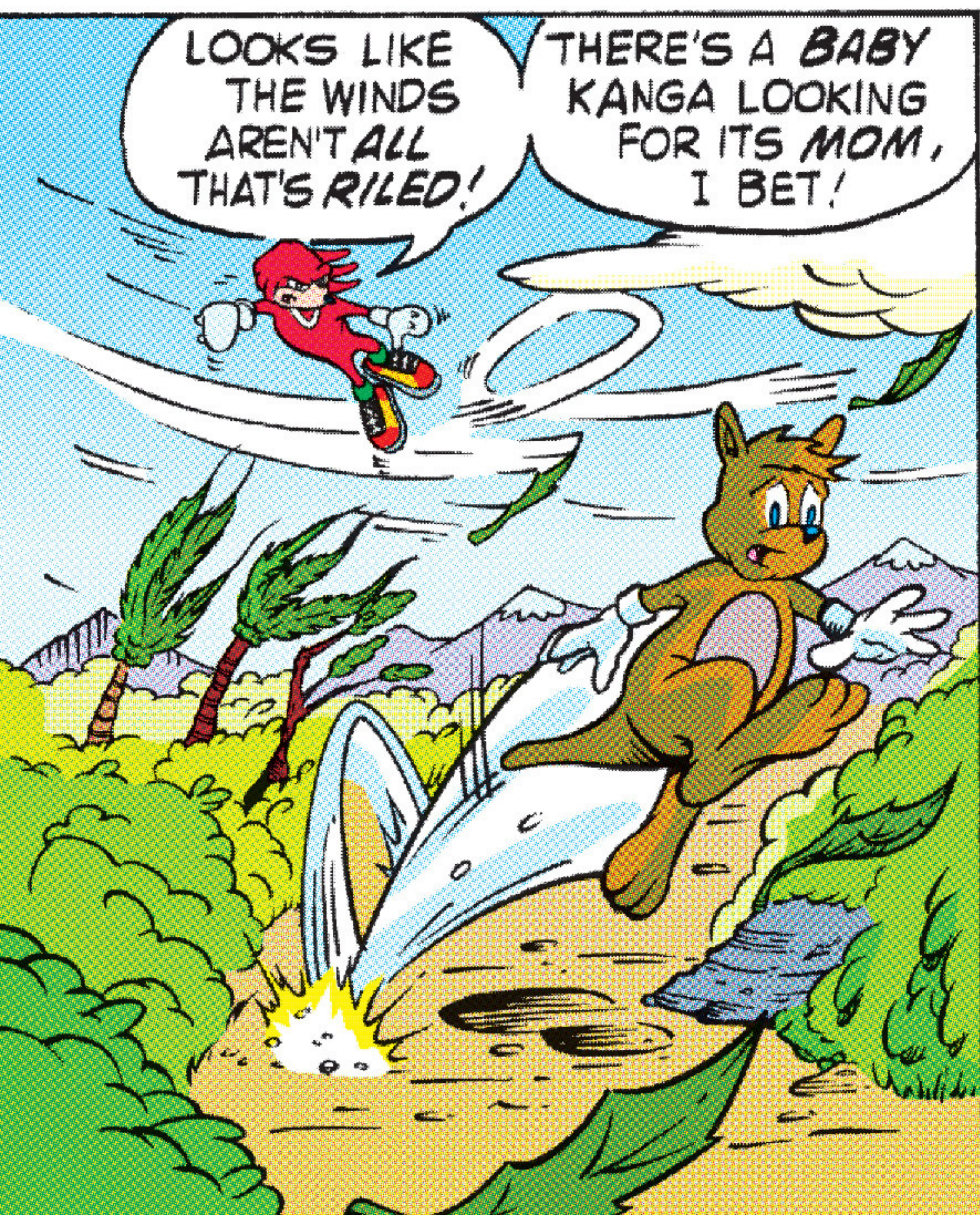
I'M GOING TO GET YOU!

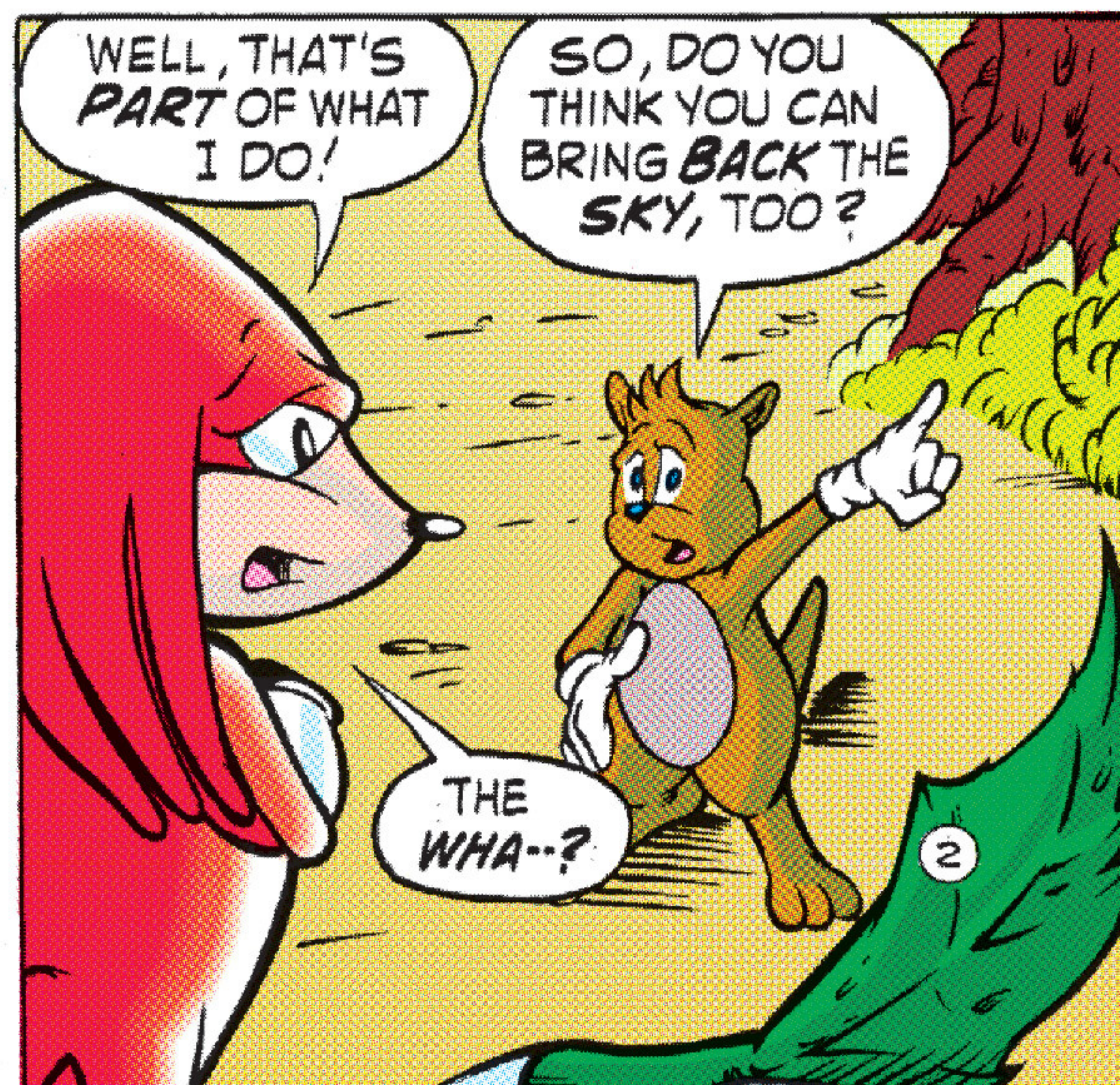
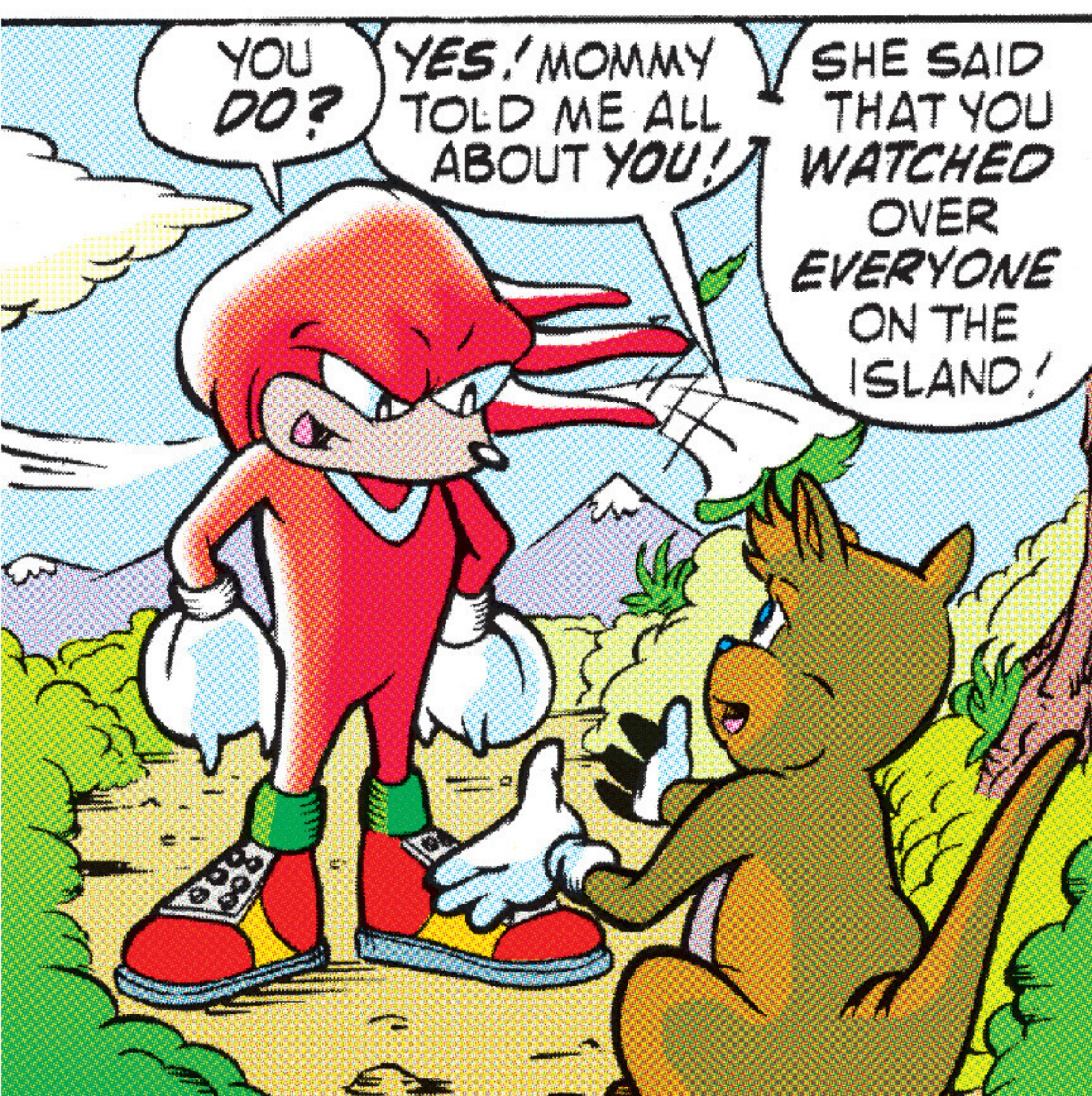
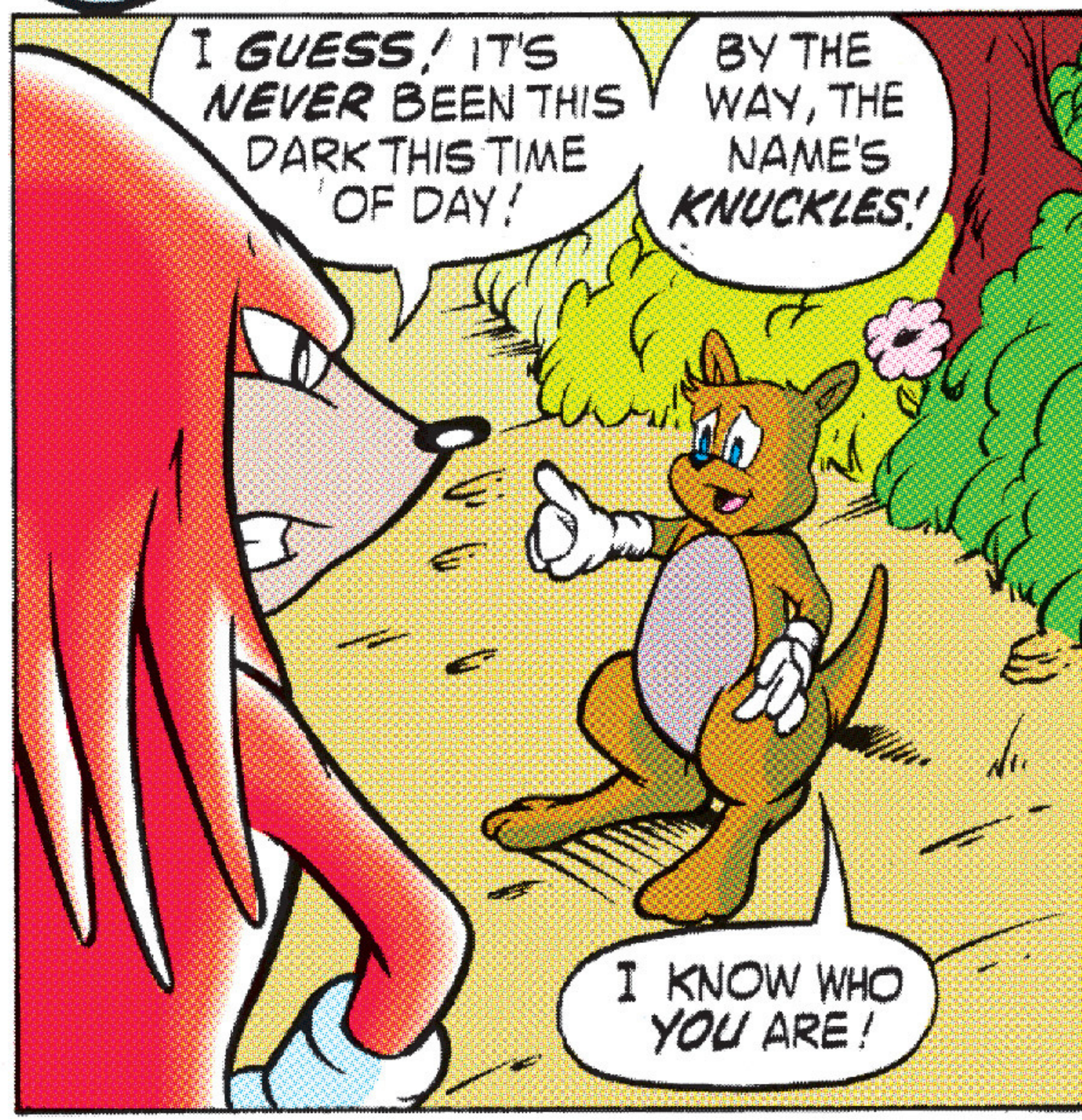
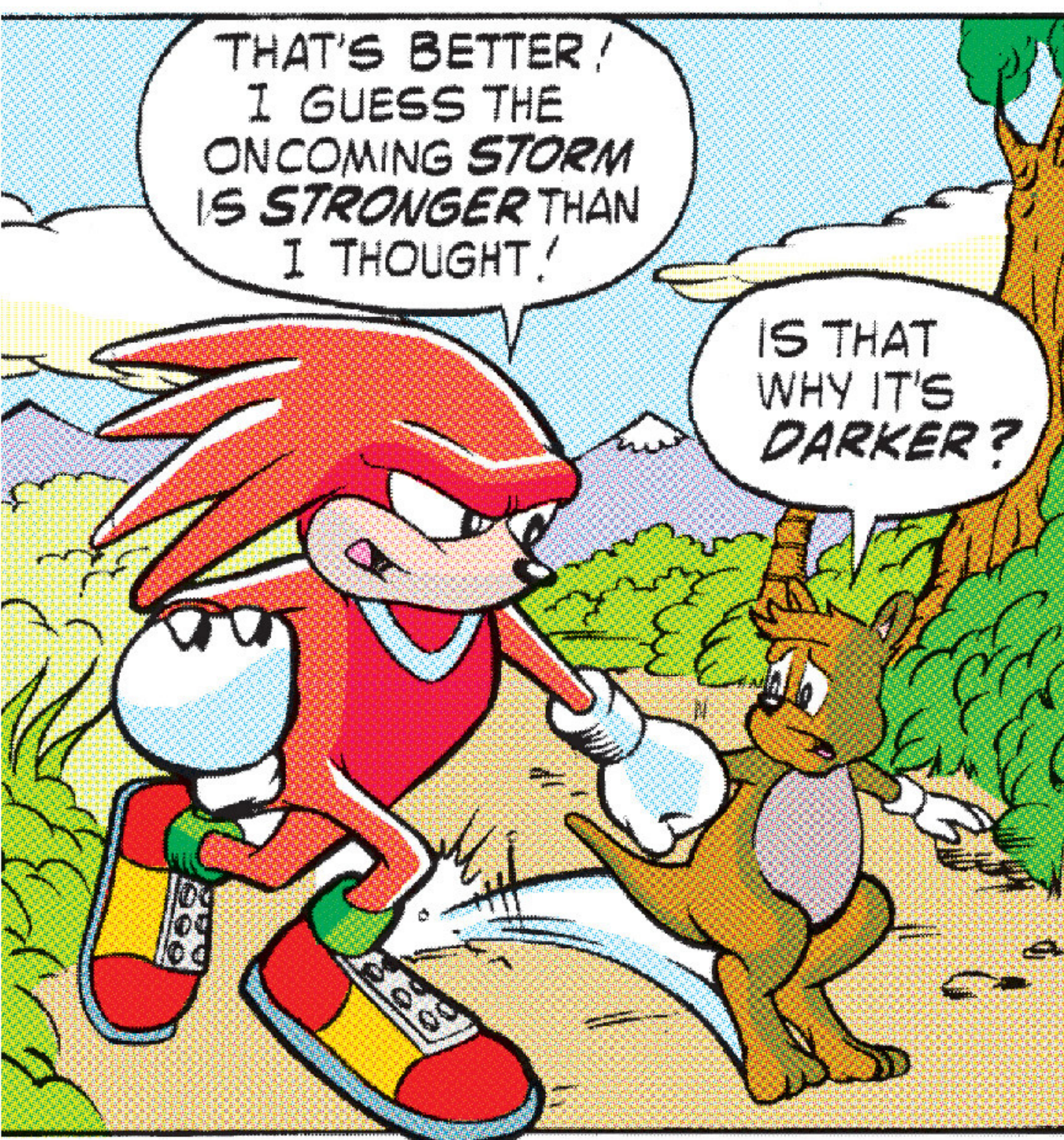
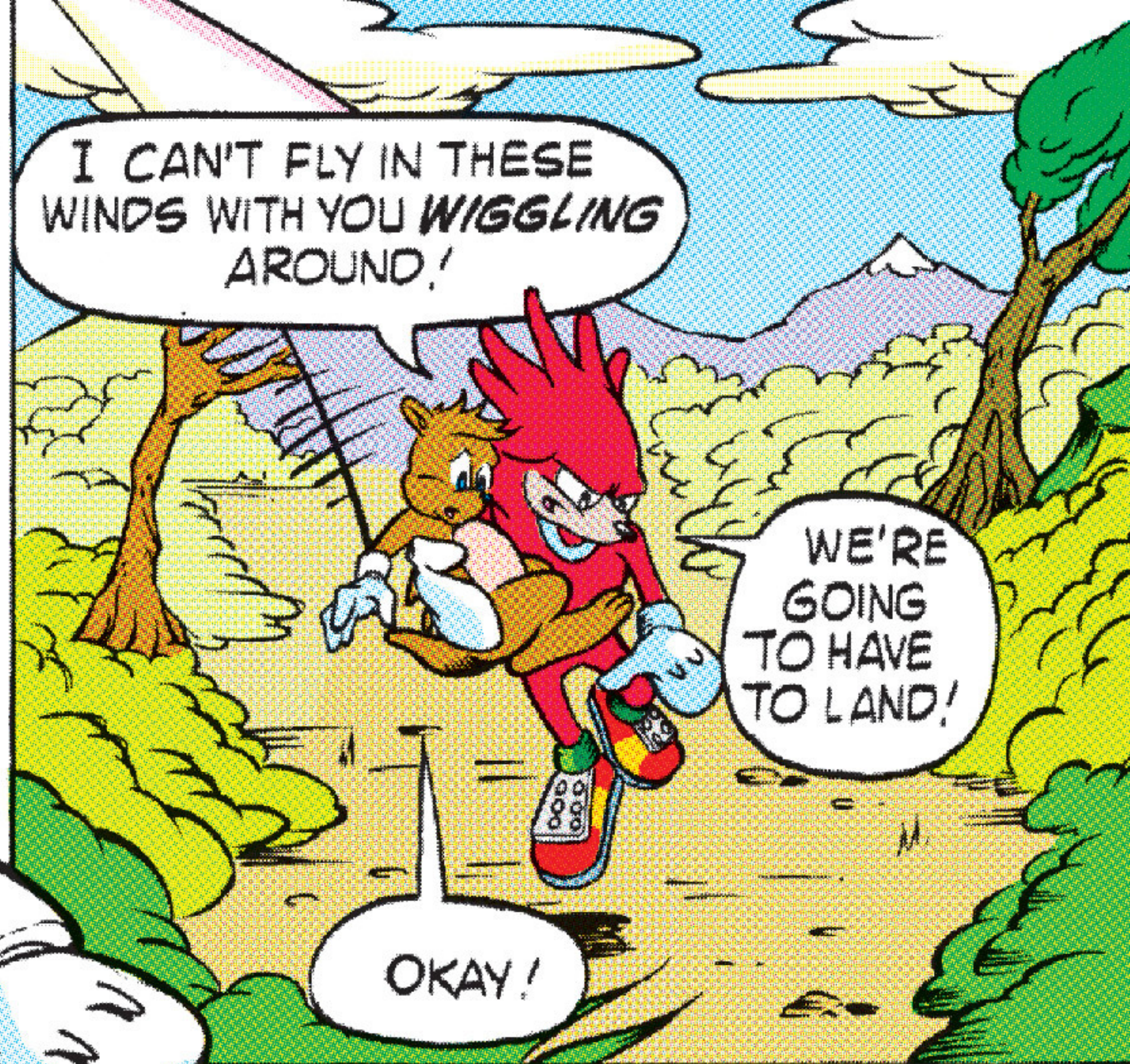
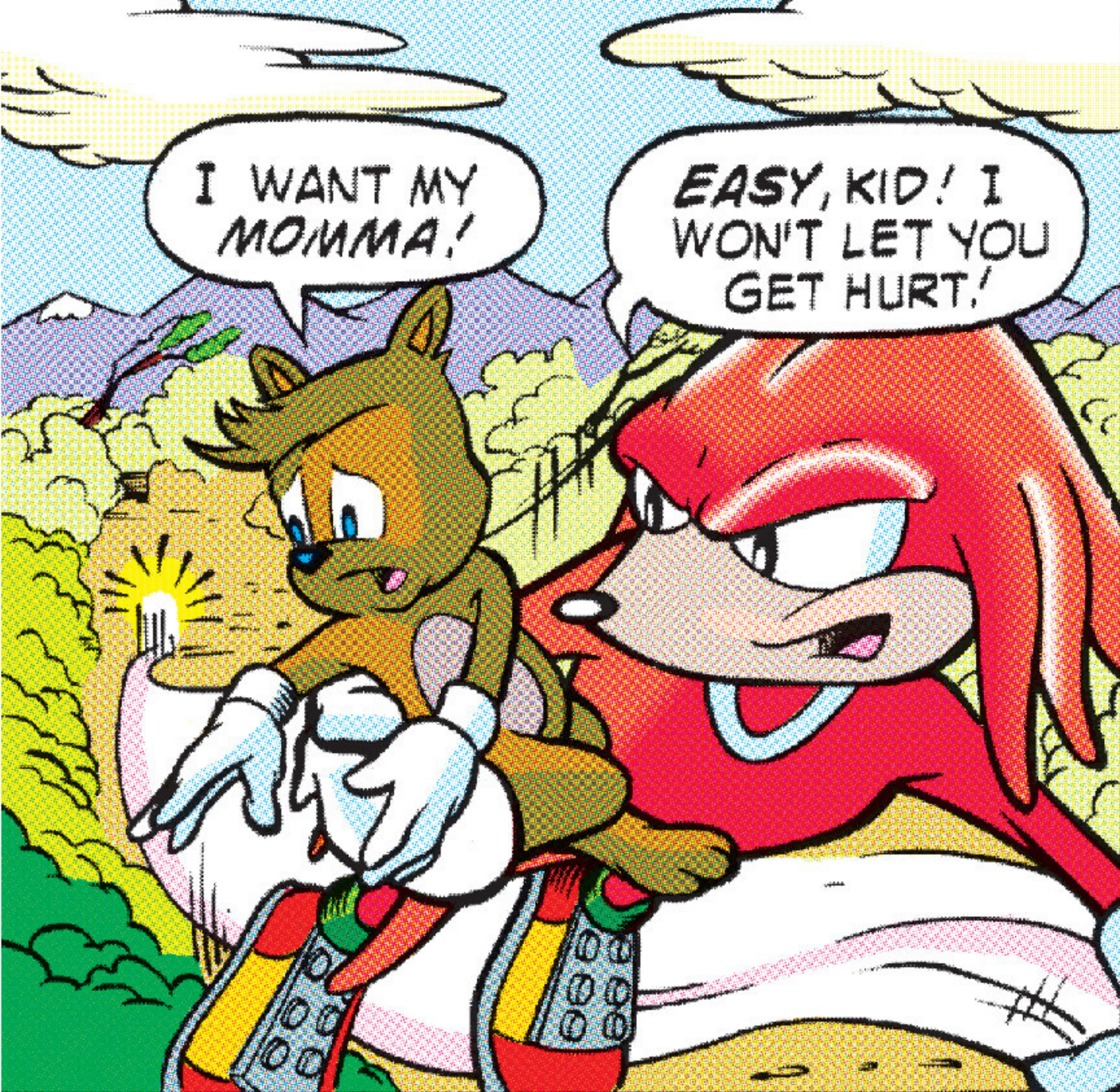


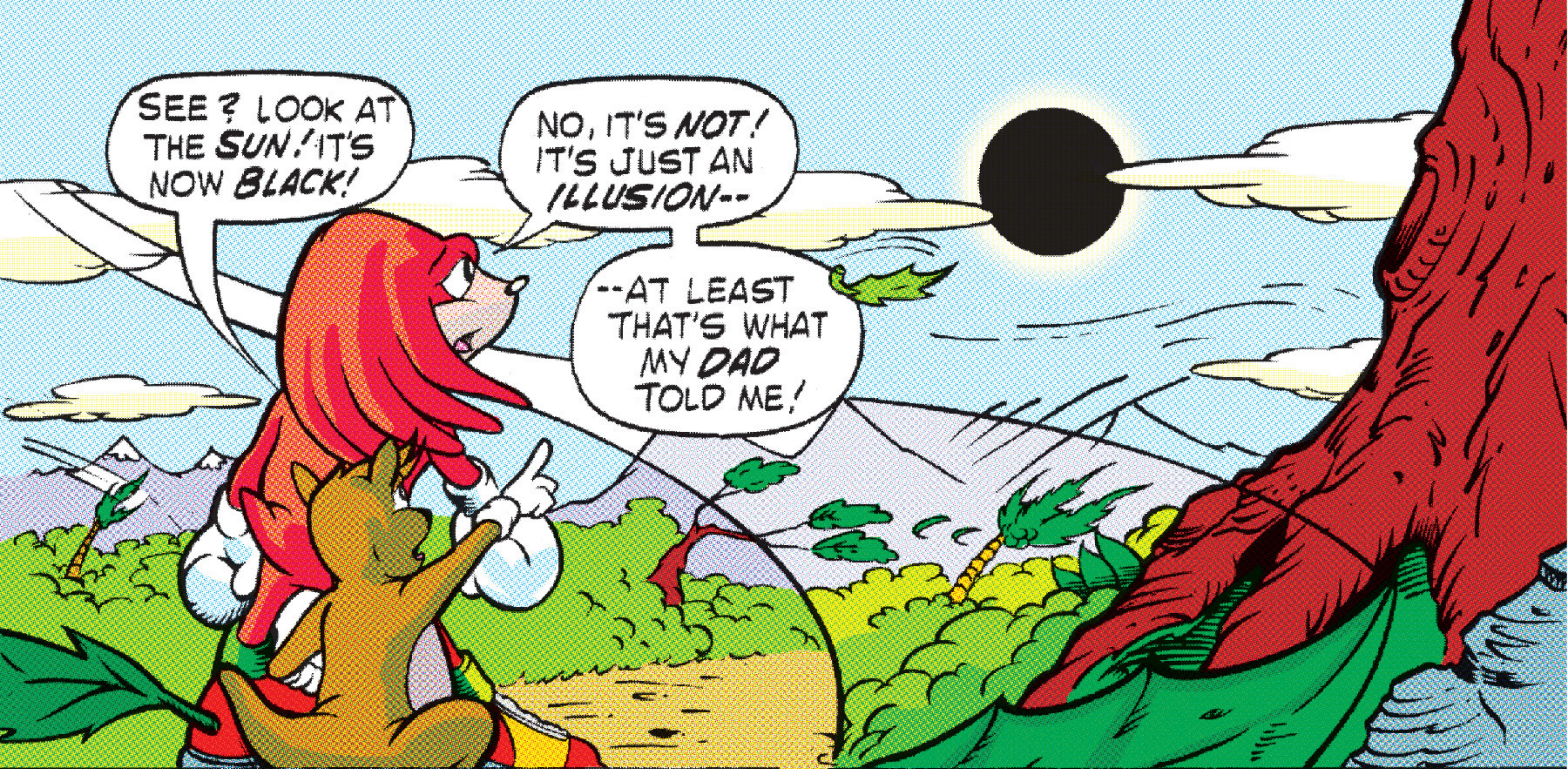
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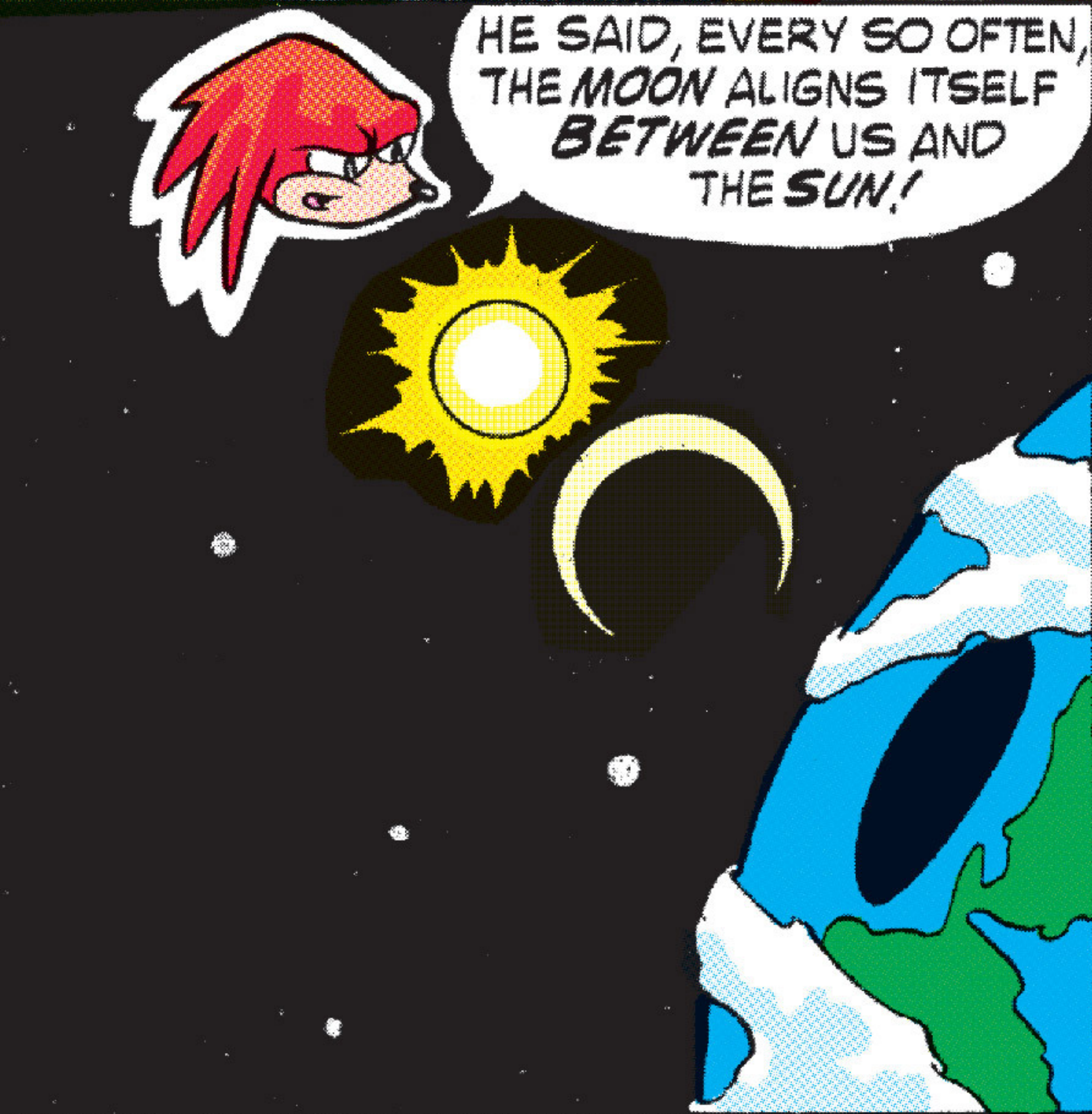




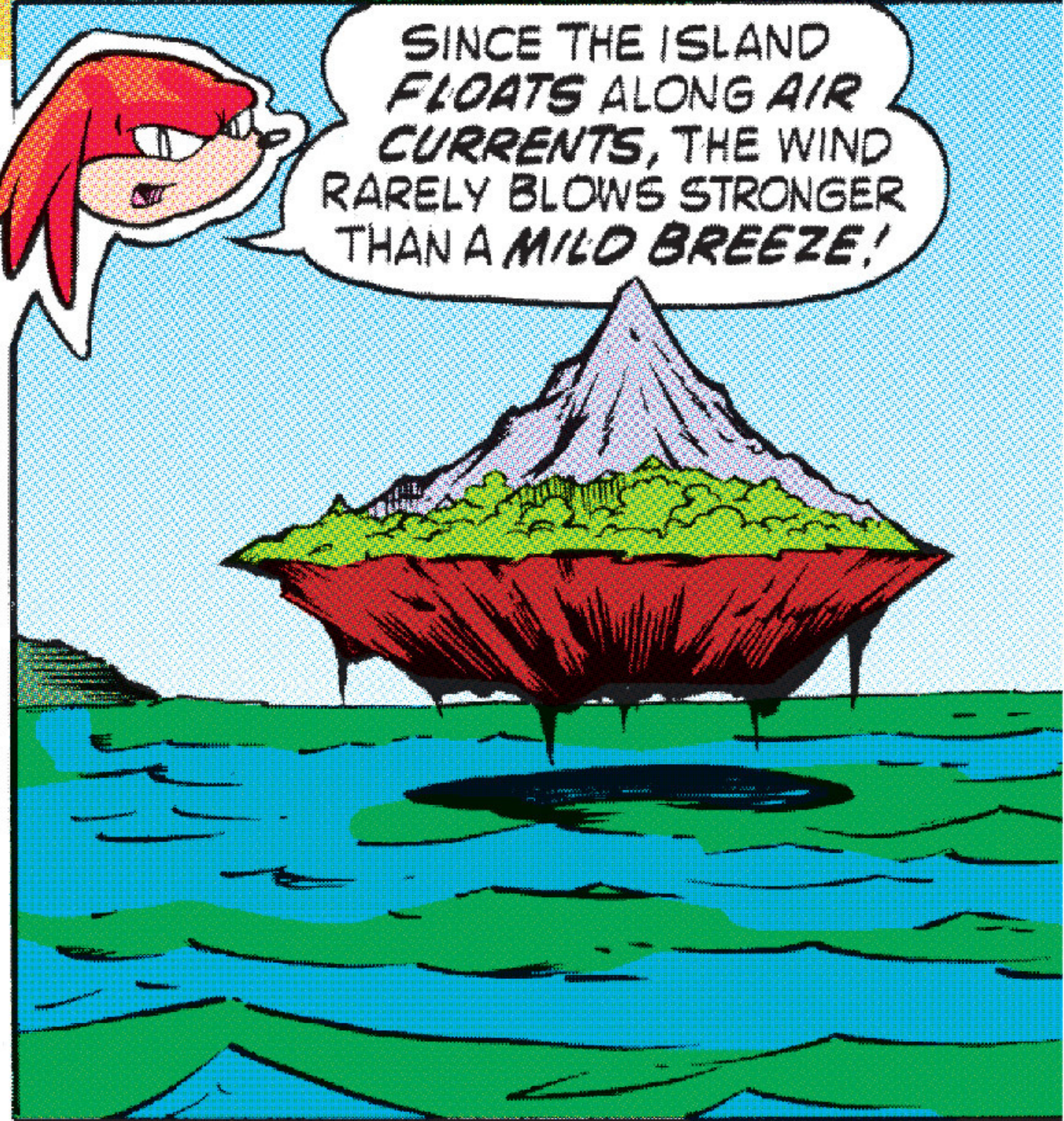
SEE ? LOOK AT THE **SUN**! IT'S NOW **BLACK**!

NO, IT'S **NOT**! IT'S JUST AN **ILLUSION**--

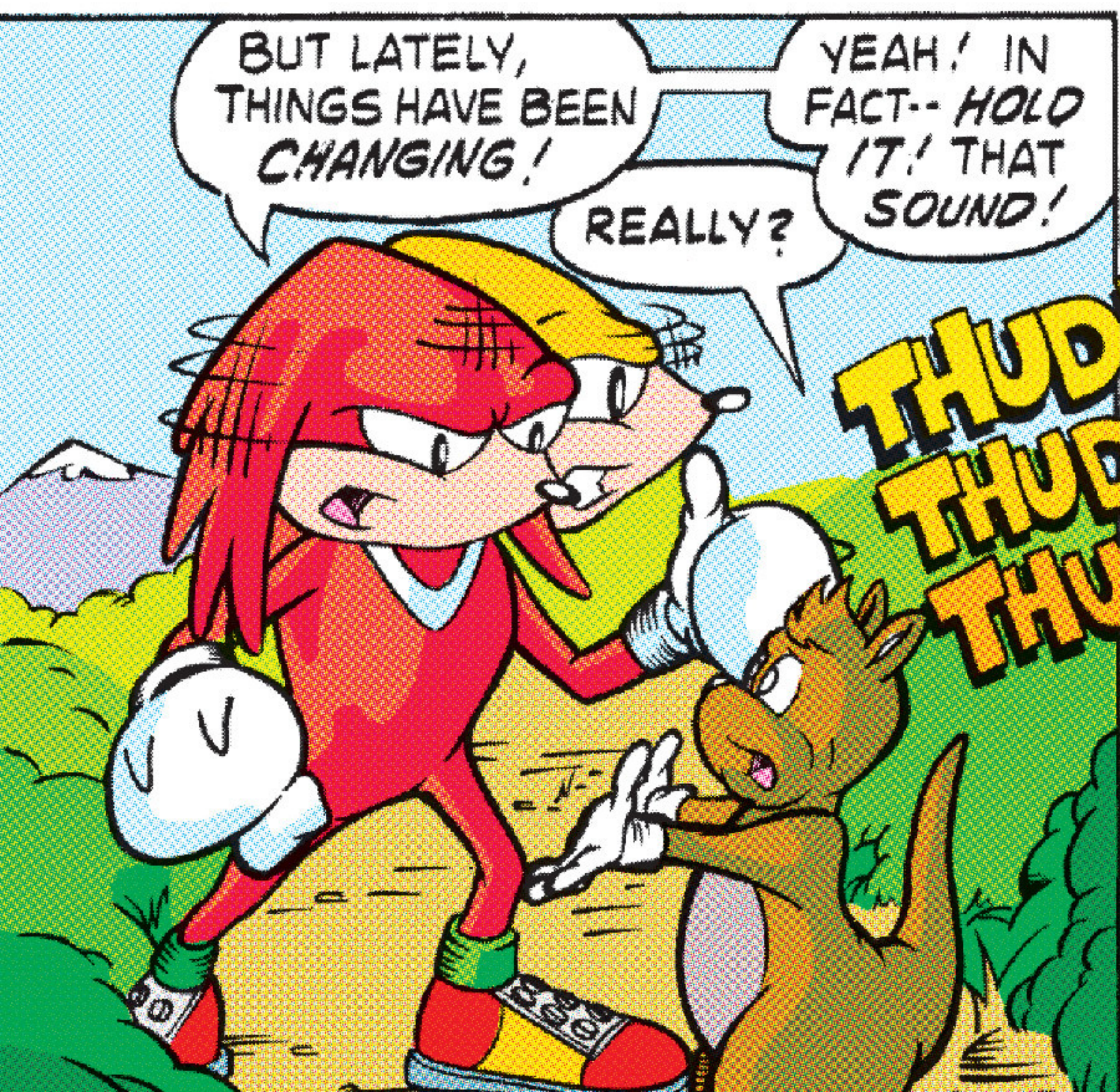
--AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT MY **DAD** TOLD ME!



HE SAID, EVERY SO OFTEN, THE **MOON** ALIGNS ITSELF **BETWEEN** US AND THE **SUN**!



SINCE THE ISLAND **FLOATS** ALONG **AIR CURRENTS**, THE WIND RARELY BLOWS STRONGER THAN A **MILD BREEZE**!



BUT LATELY, THINGS HAVE BEEN **CHANGING**!

REALLY?

YEAH! IN FACT-- **HOLD IT!** THAT **SOUND**!

THUD!
THUD!
THUD!

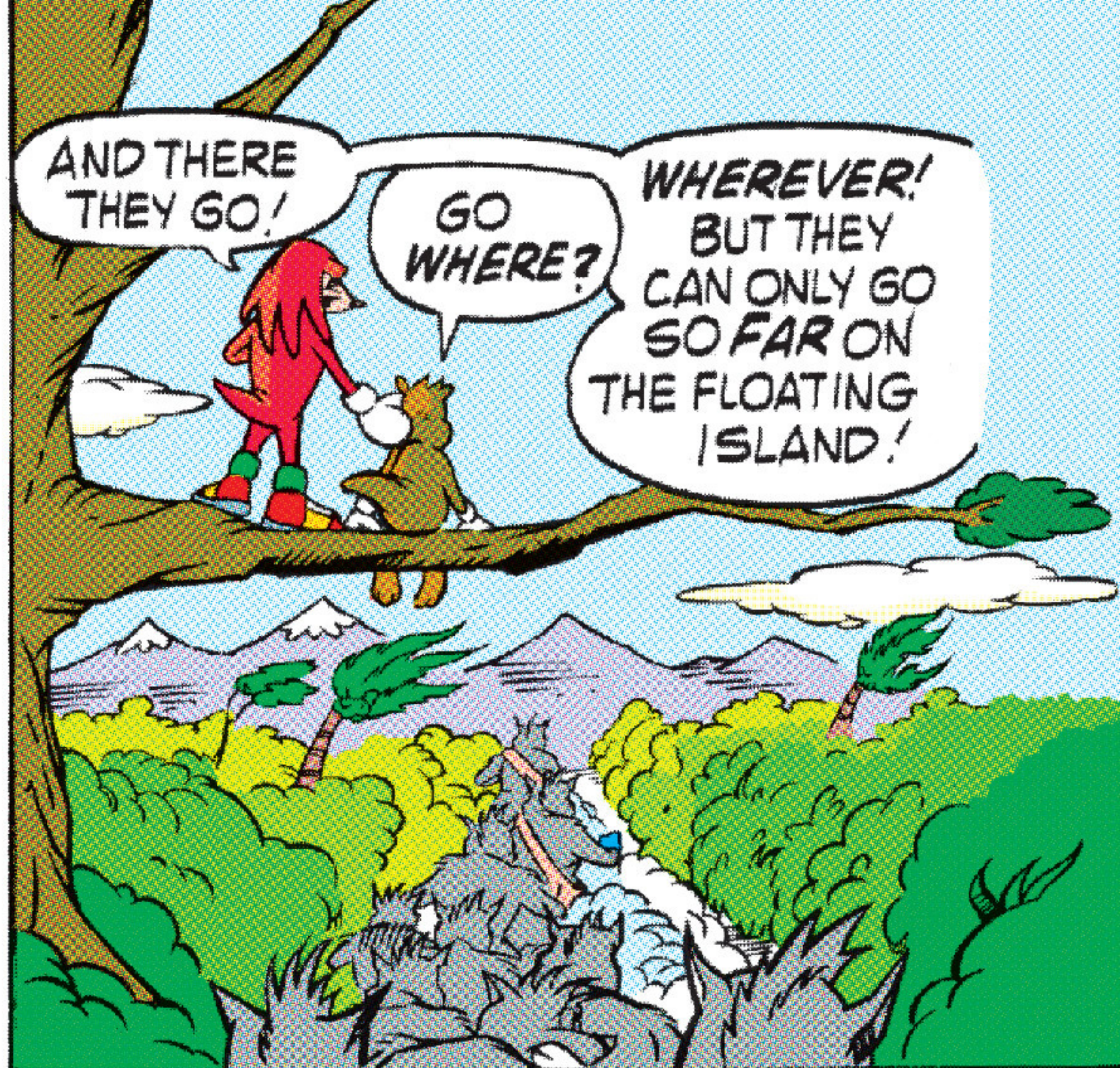


LET'S GET TO **SAFETY**! IT'S A **THUNDERING** HERD OF **DINGOES**!



AREN'T THEY FRIENDLY?

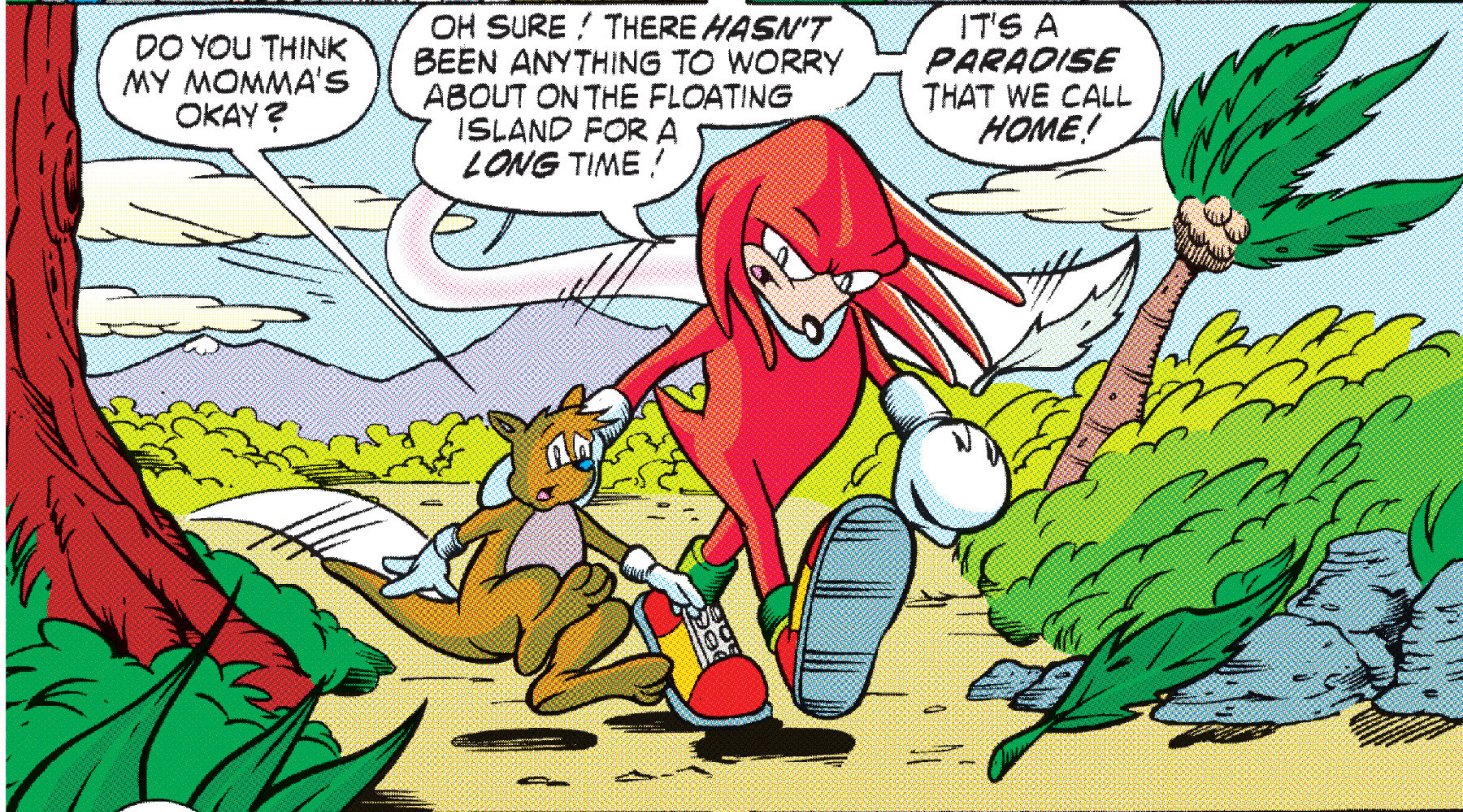
USUALLY, BUT THE WEATHER'S UPSETTING THEM!



AND THERE THEY GO!

GO WHERE?

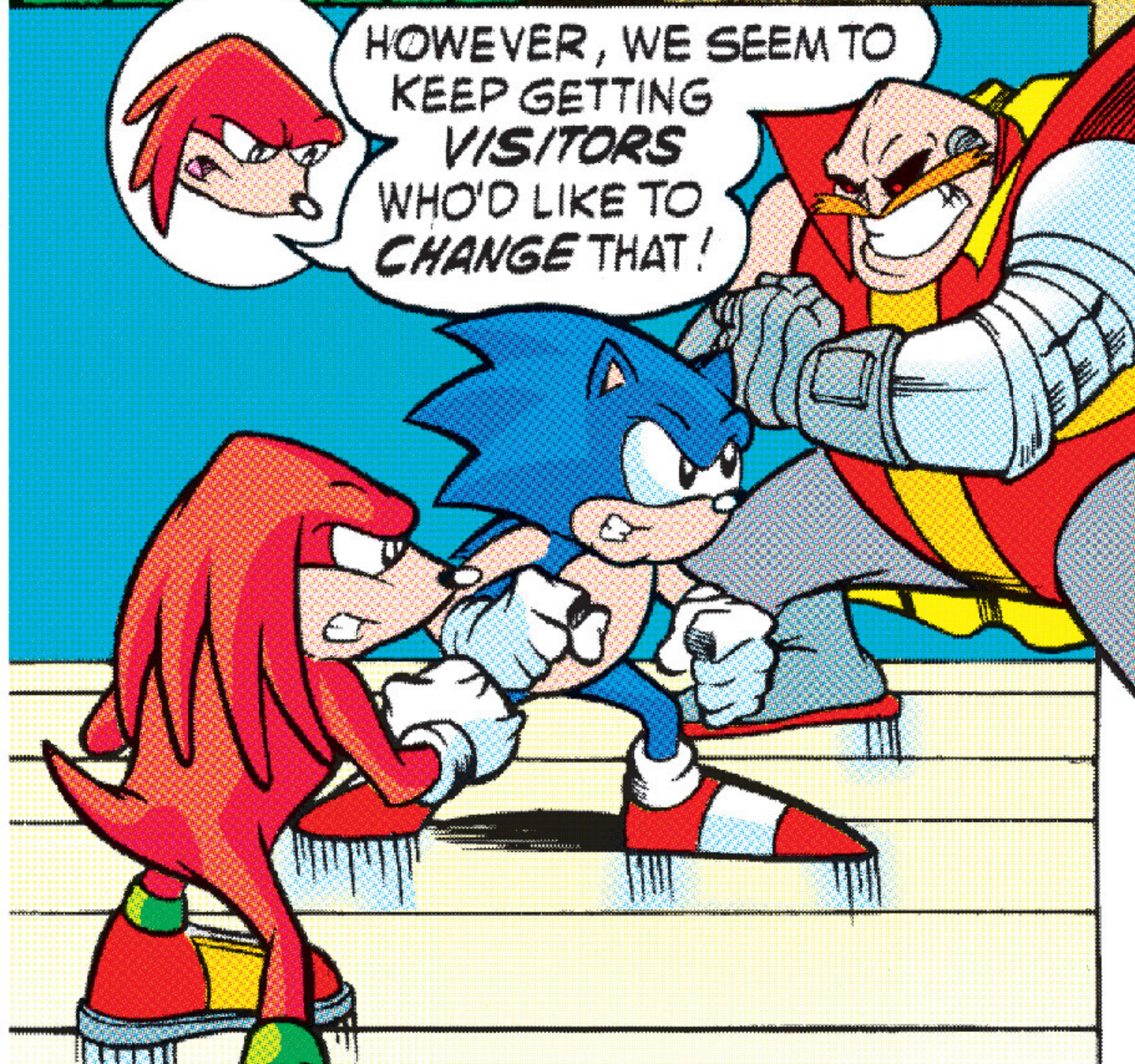
WHEREVER! BUT THEY CAN ONLY GO SO FAR ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!



DO YOU THINK MY MOMMA'S OKAY?

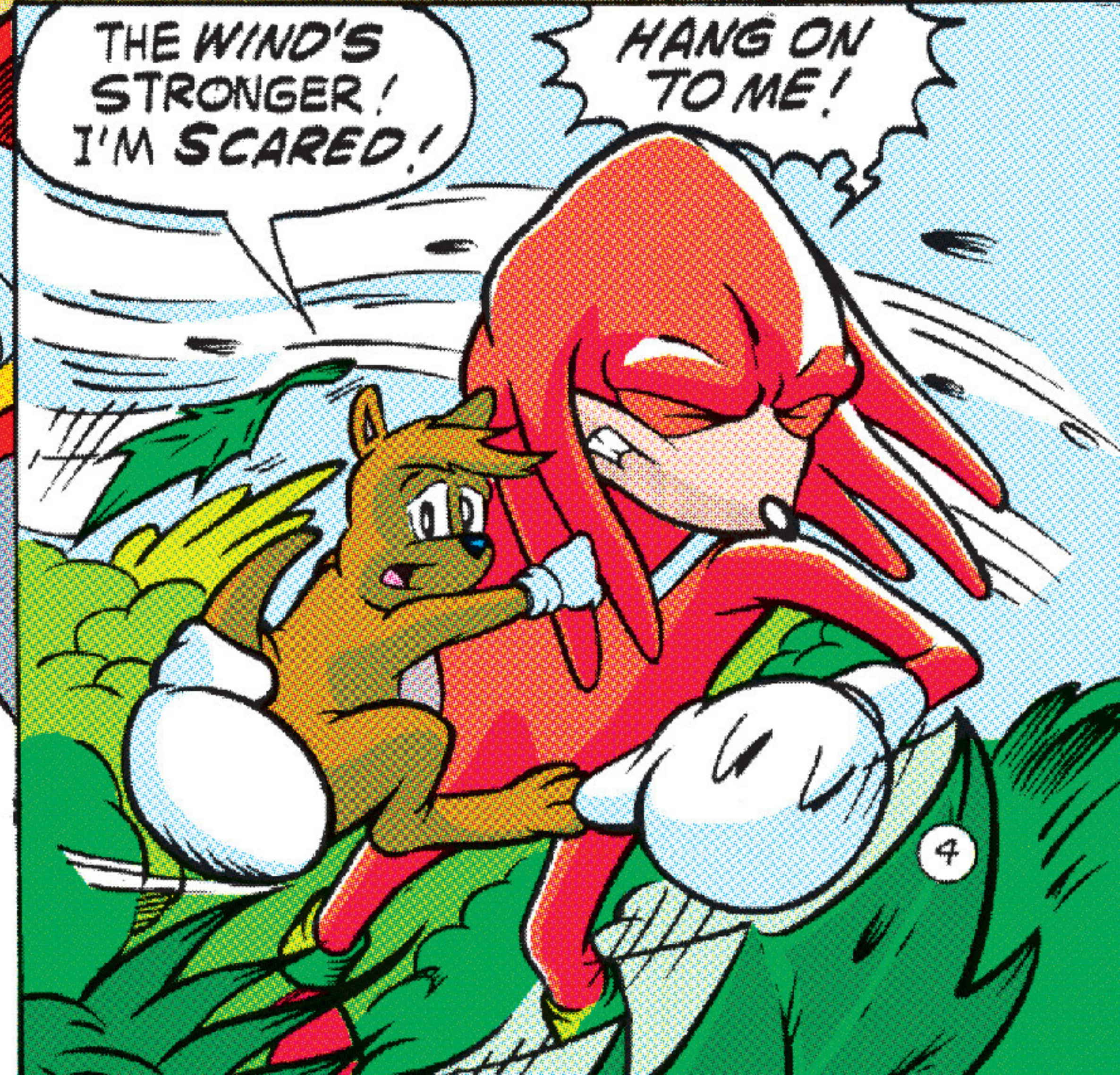
OH SURE! THERE *HASN'T* BEEN ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT ON THE FLOATING ISLAND FOR A LONG TIME!

IT'S A PARADISE THAT WE CALL HOME!

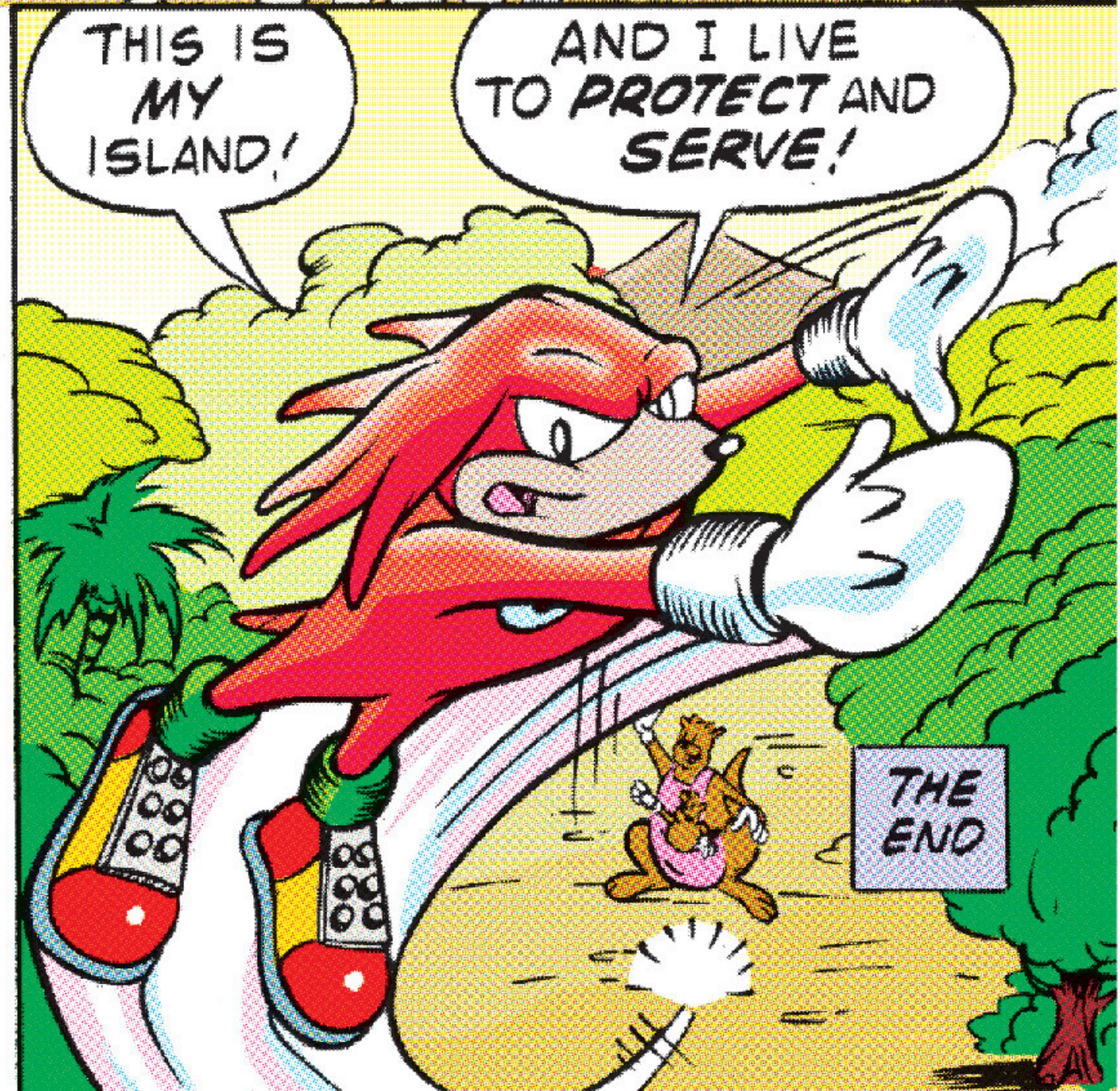
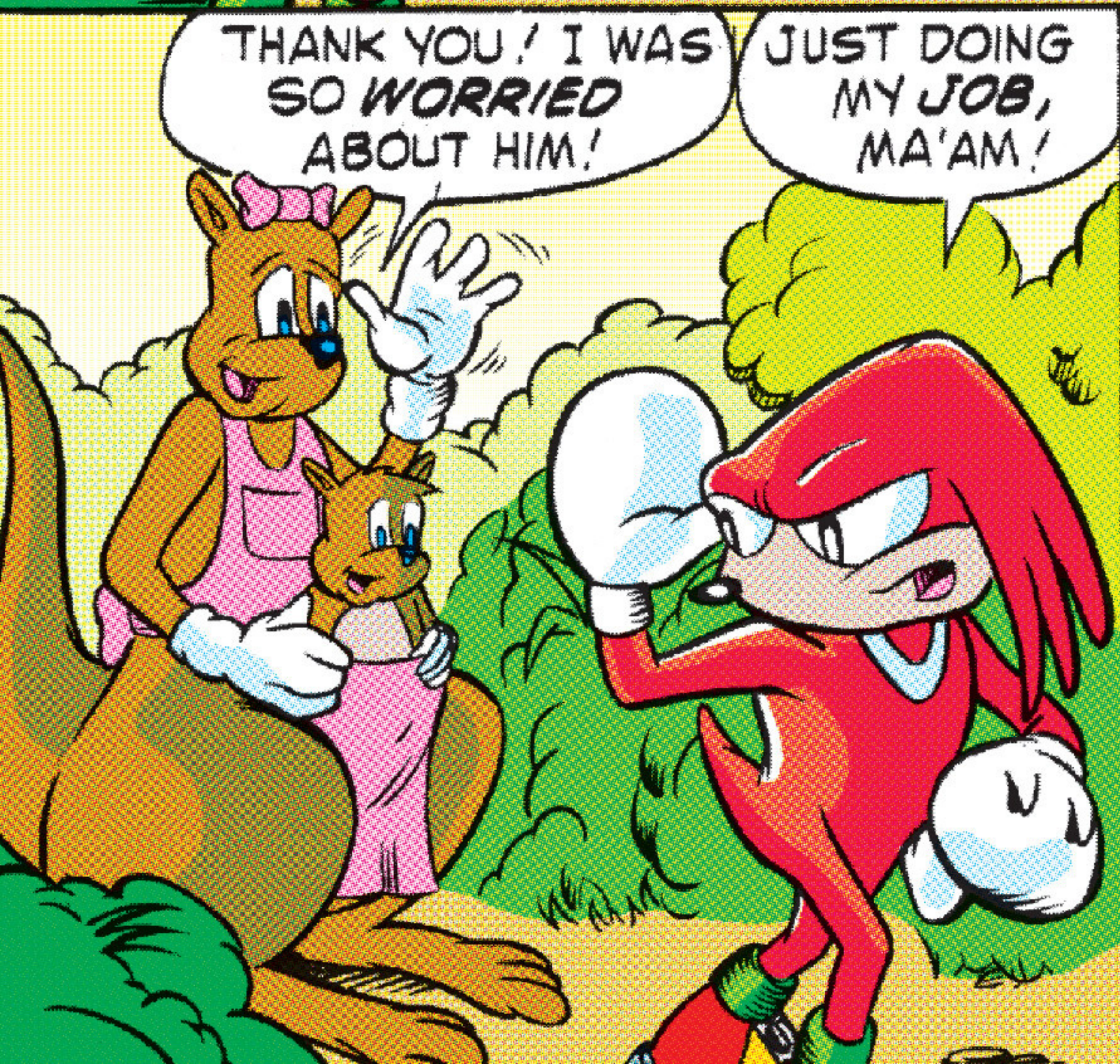
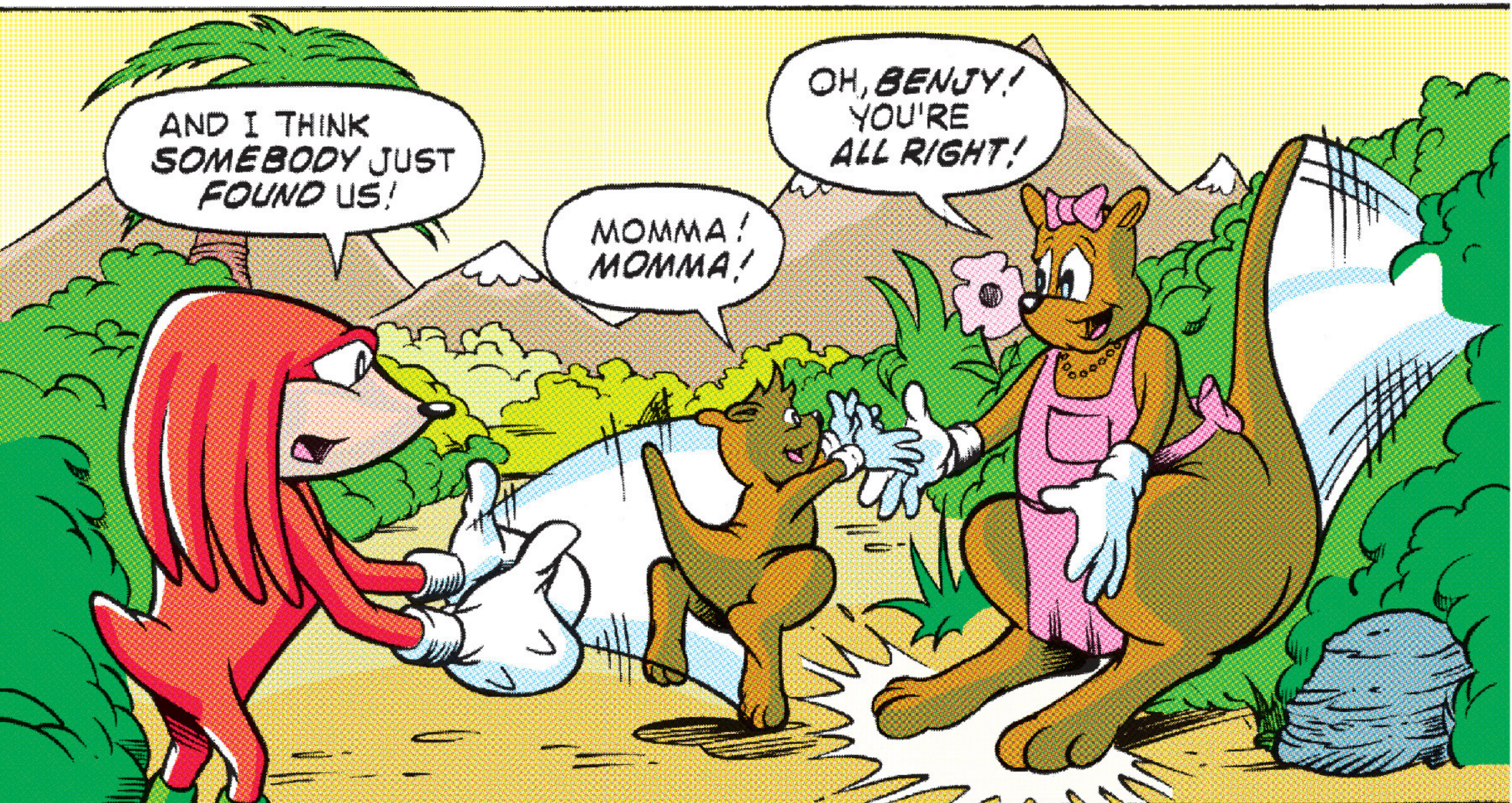
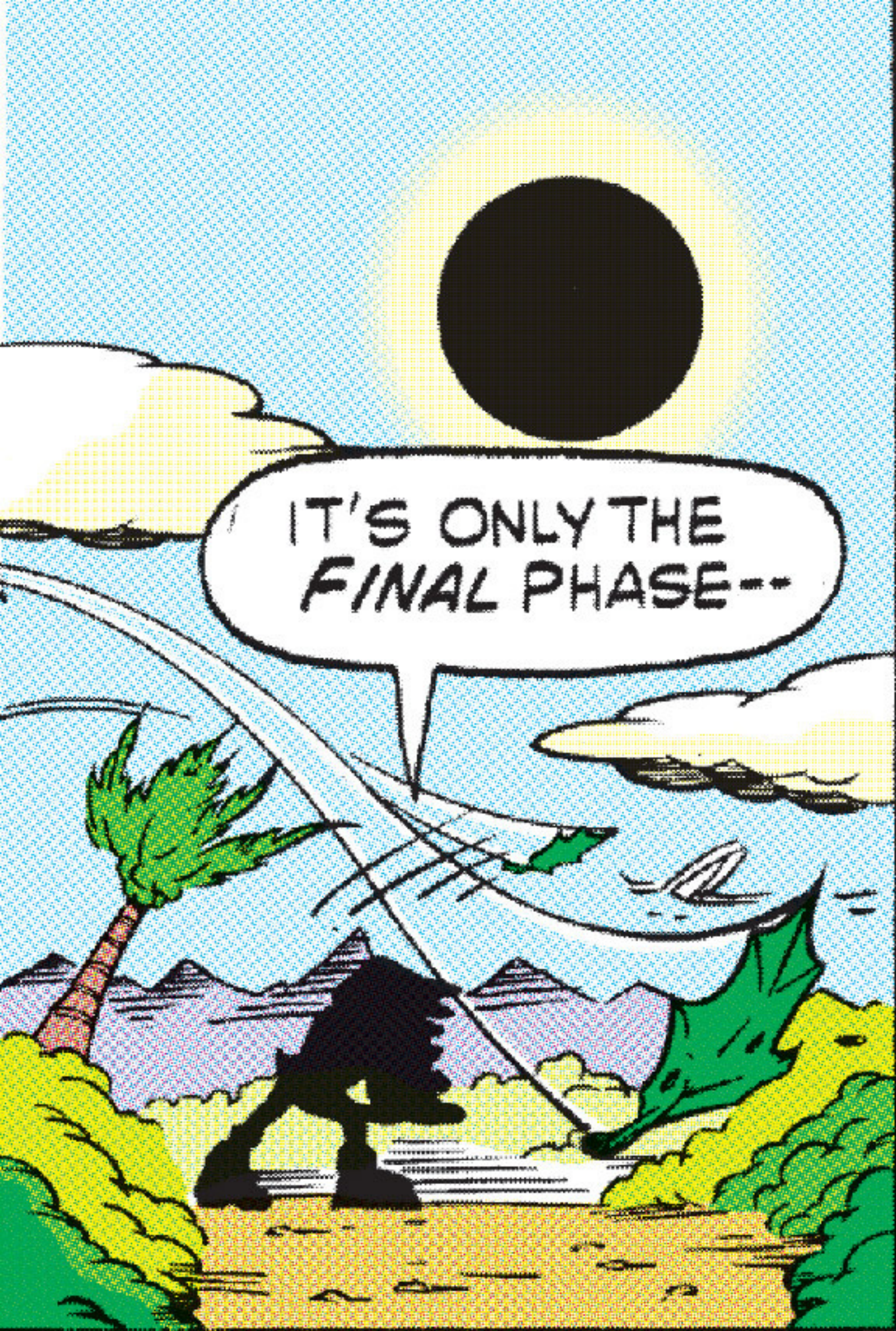


HOWEVER, WE SEEM TO KEEP GETTING VISITORS WHO'D LIKE TO CHANGE THAT!

THE WIND'S STRONGER! I'M SCARED!



HANG ON TO ME!



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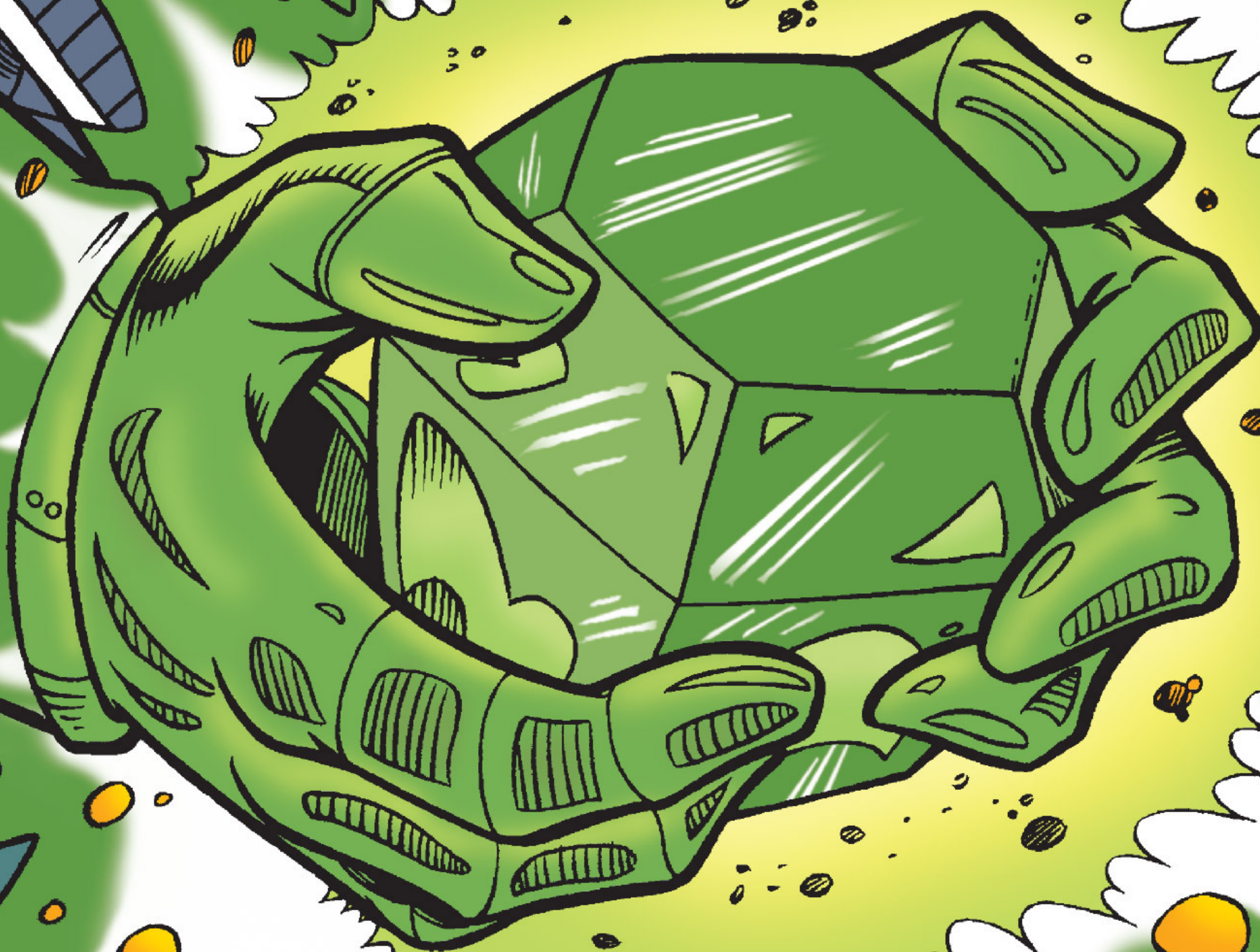
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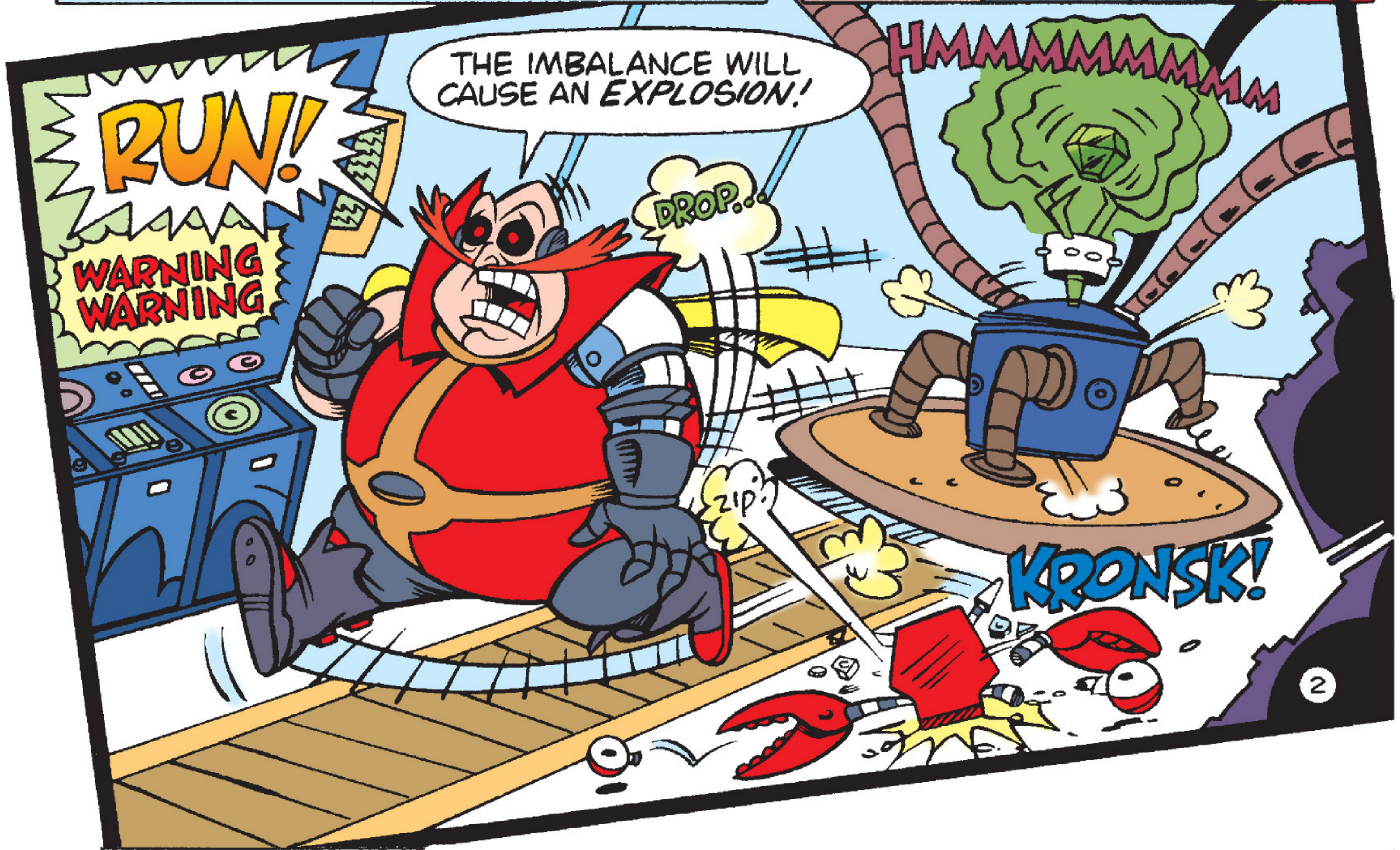
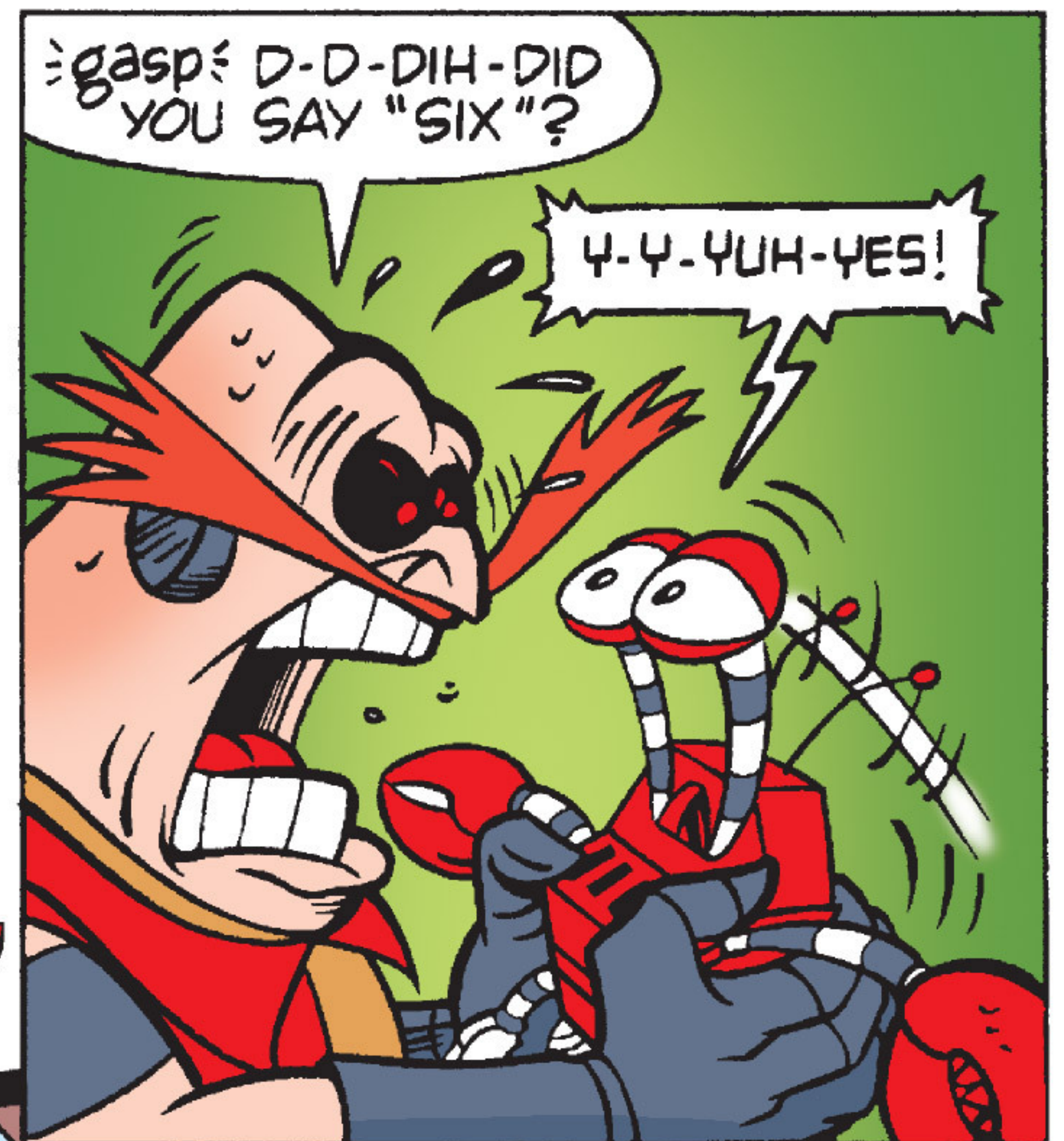
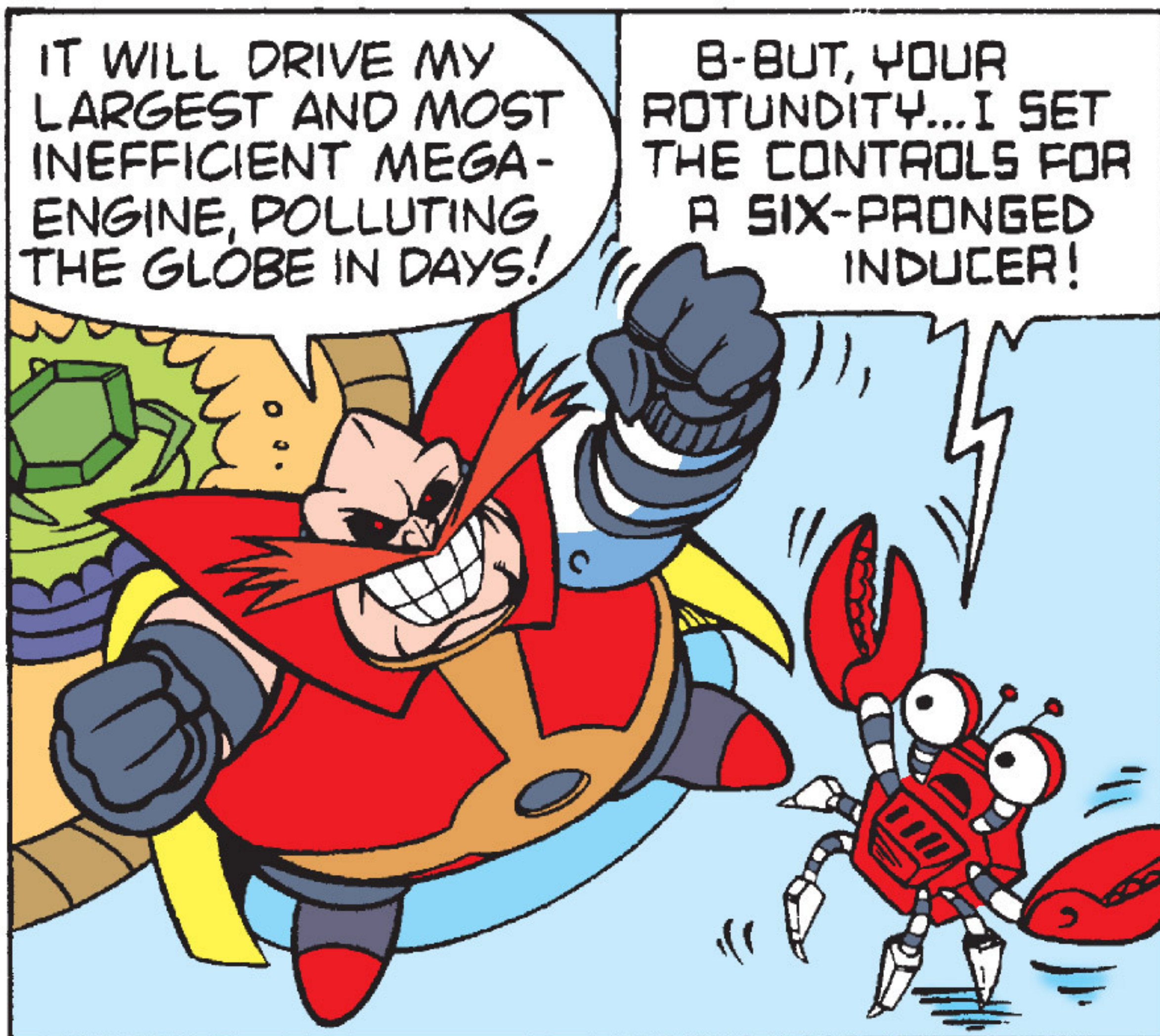
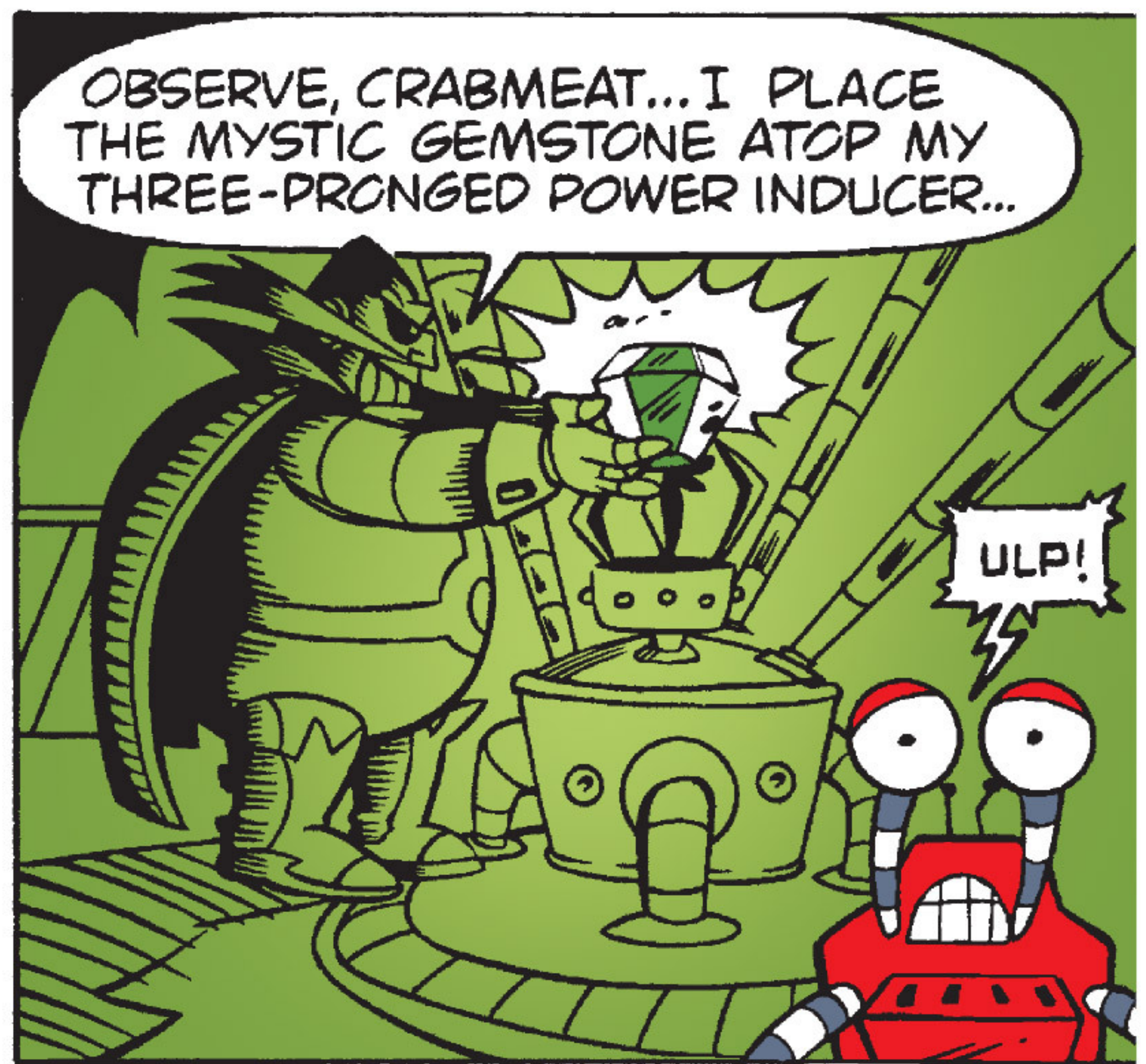
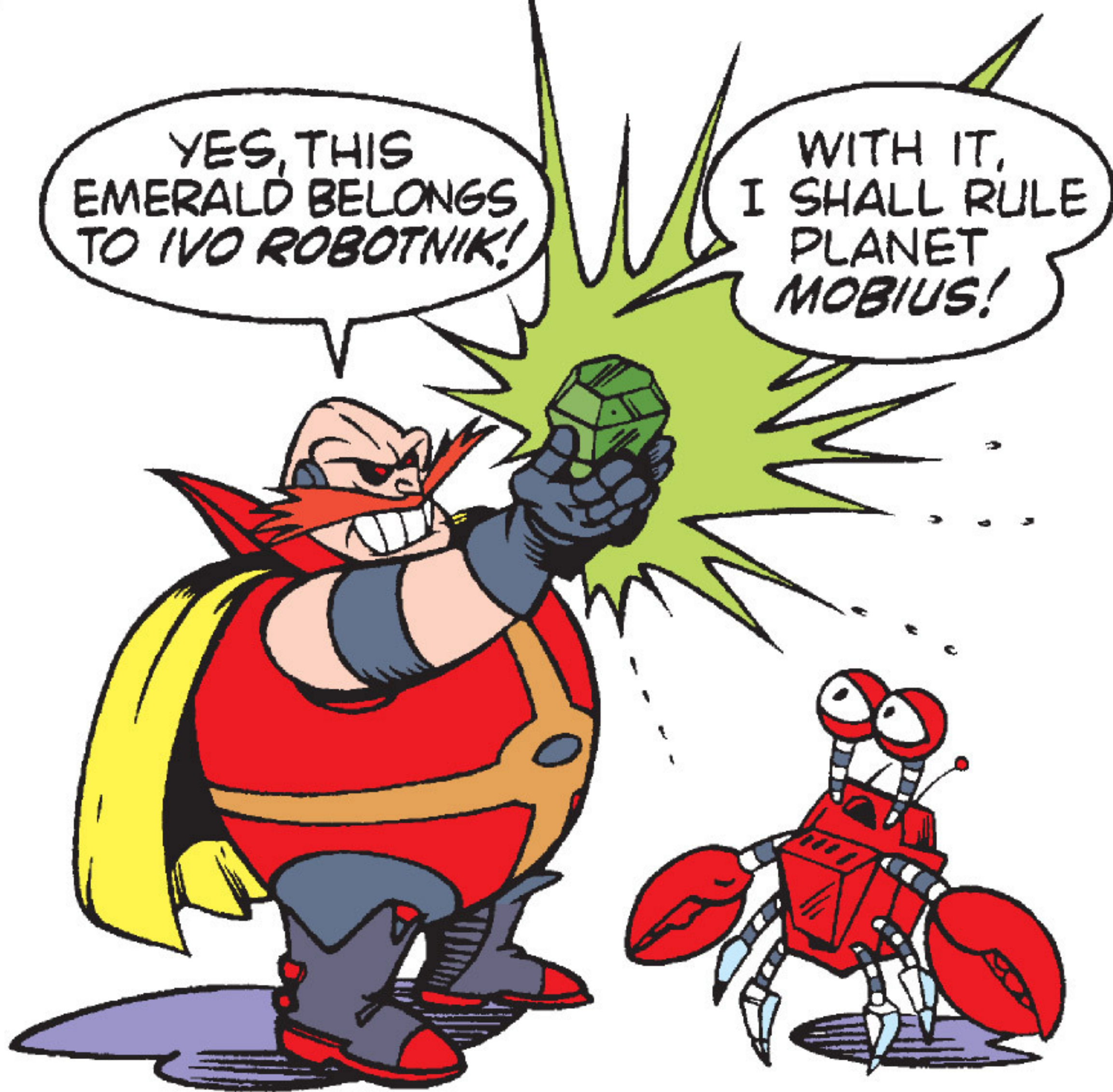
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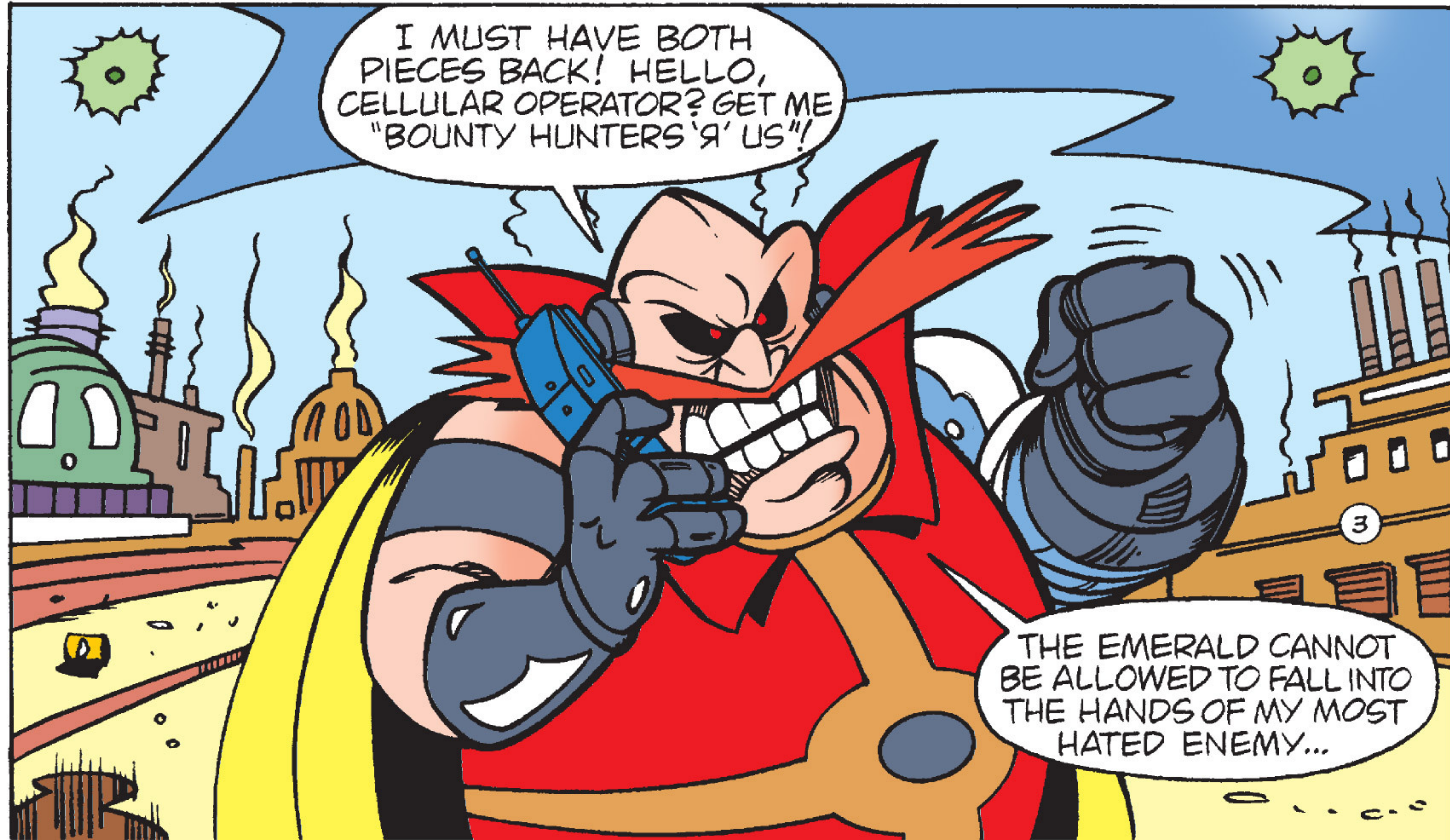
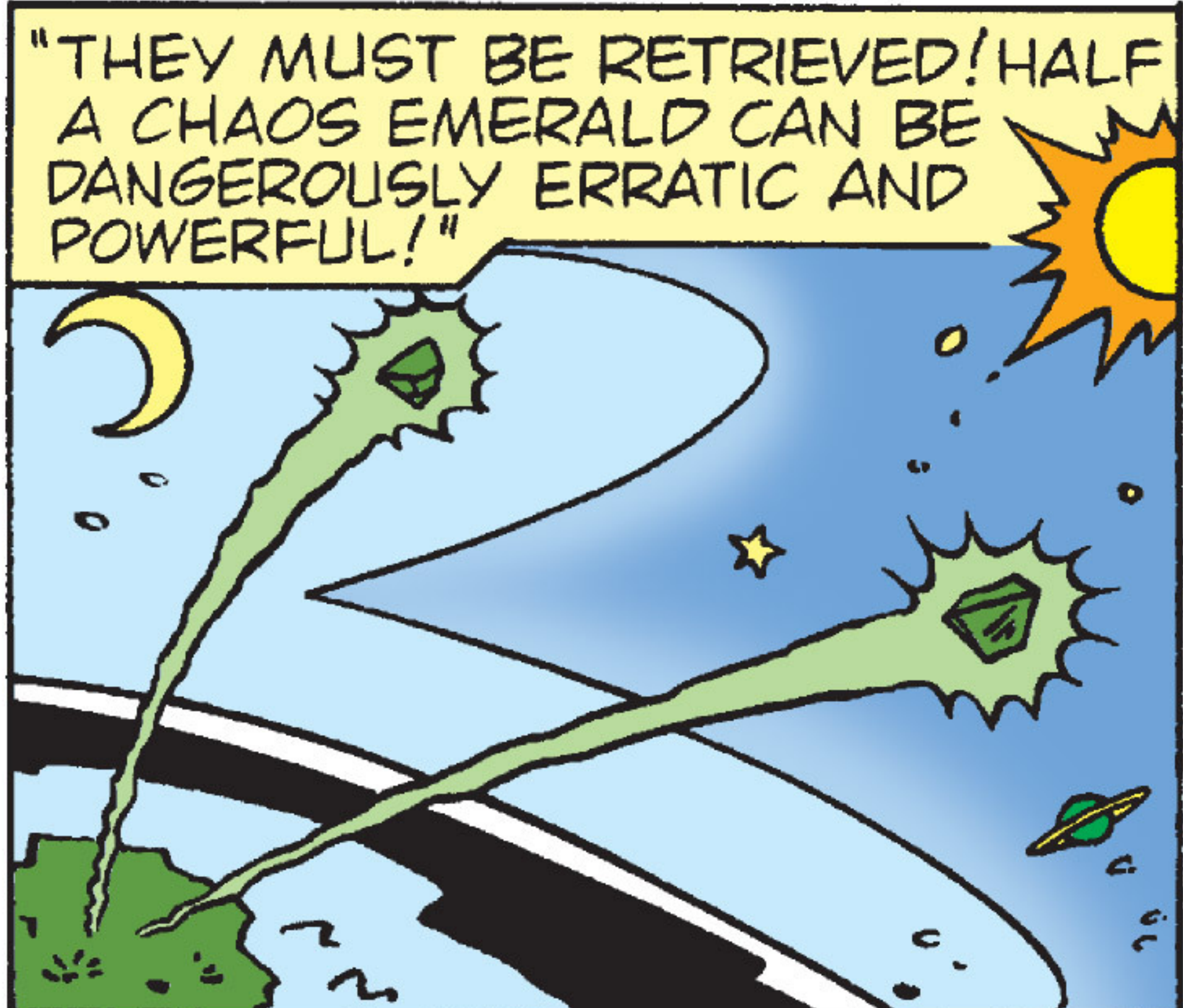
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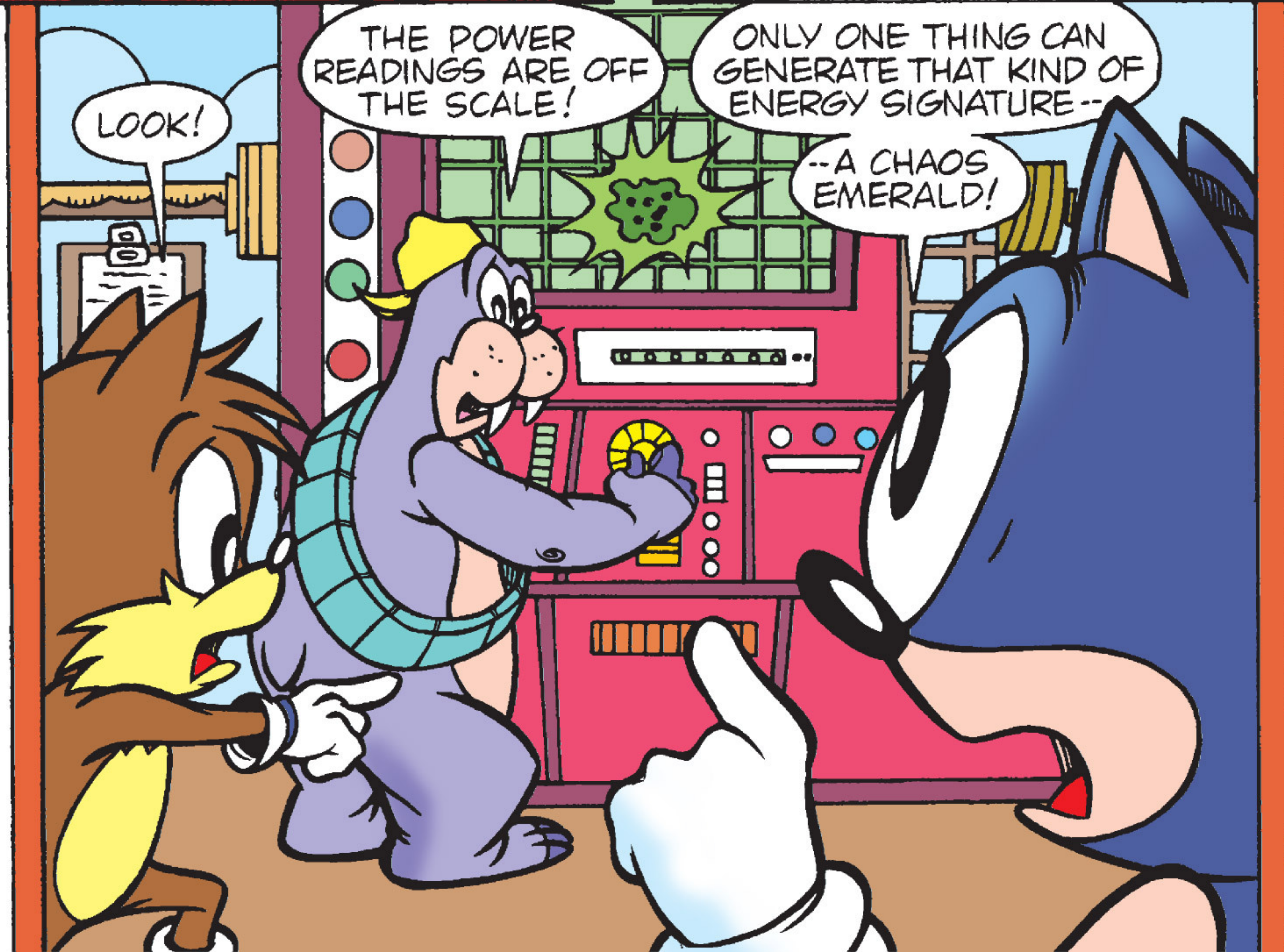
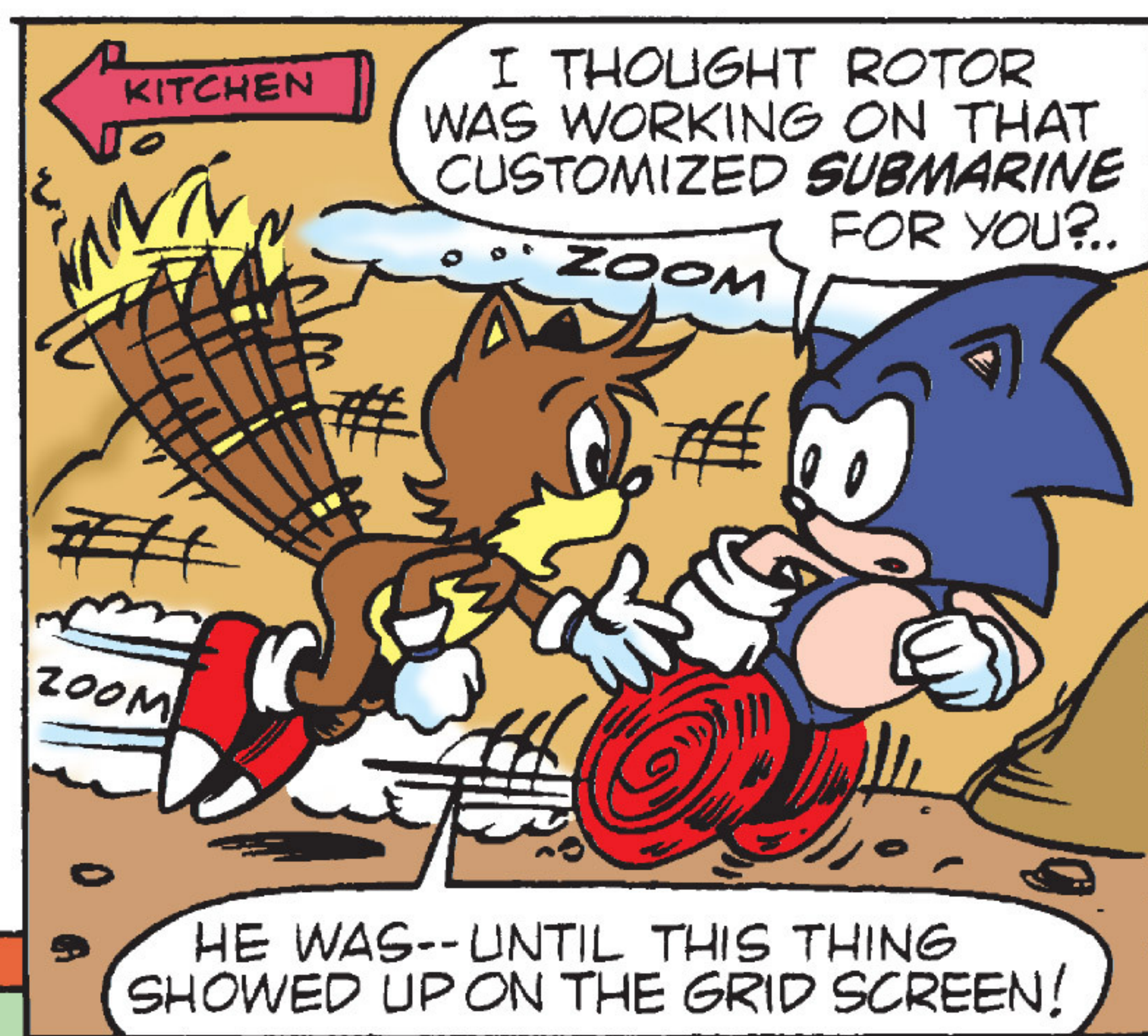
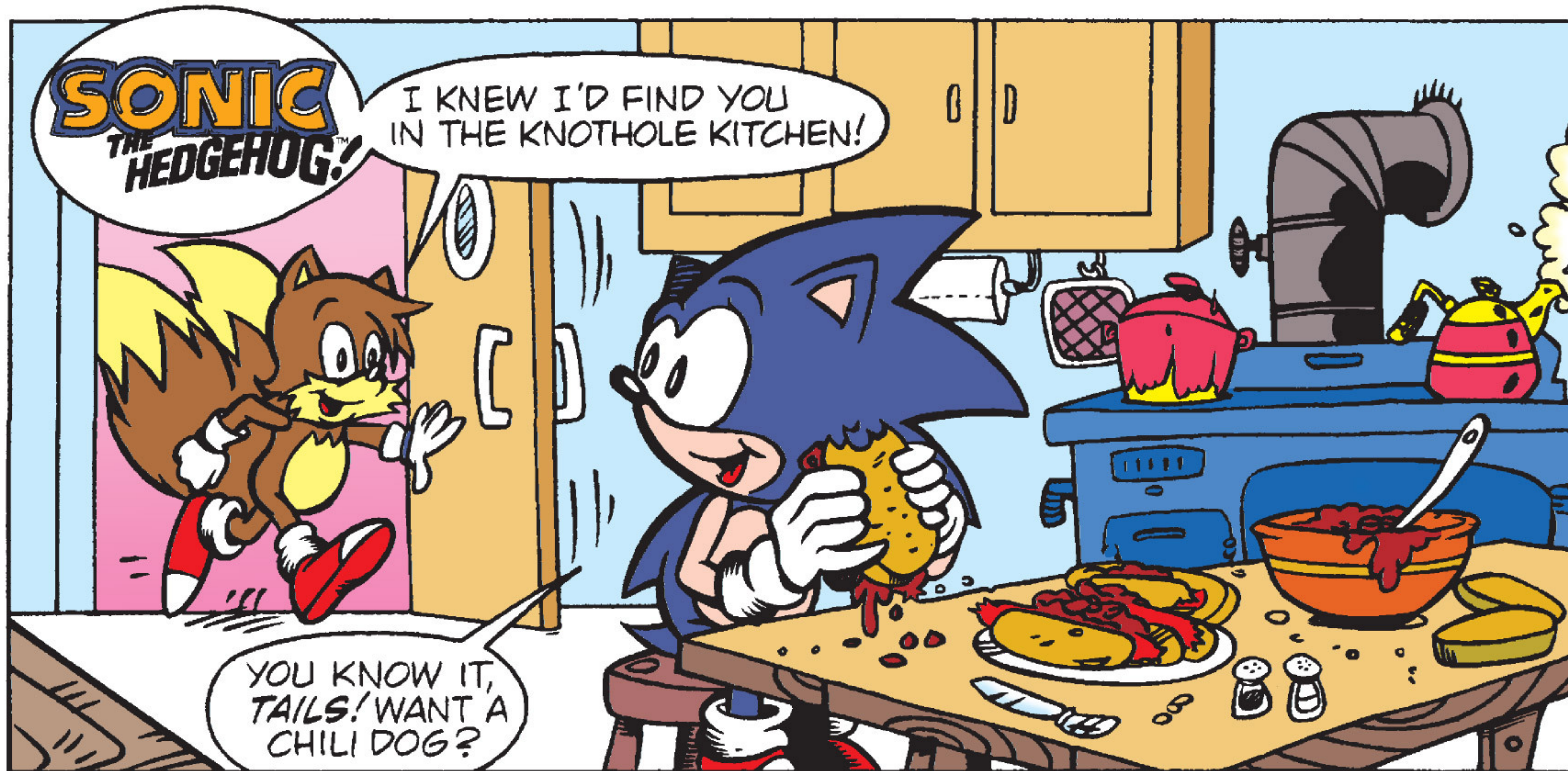
"THIS IS THE MOST
POTENT FORM OF
PURE ENERGY IN
ALL THE UNIVERSE!"



"BUT MOST
IMPORTANT
OF ALL...
IT'S *MINE*!"







YES, BUT THE PATTERNS
ARE ERRATIC... I THINK
I CAN GET A VISUAL...

IT'S COMING
IN LIKE A
METEORITE...

WOW!

"...IT'S LANDED IN THE GREAT FOREST!"

TUNK!

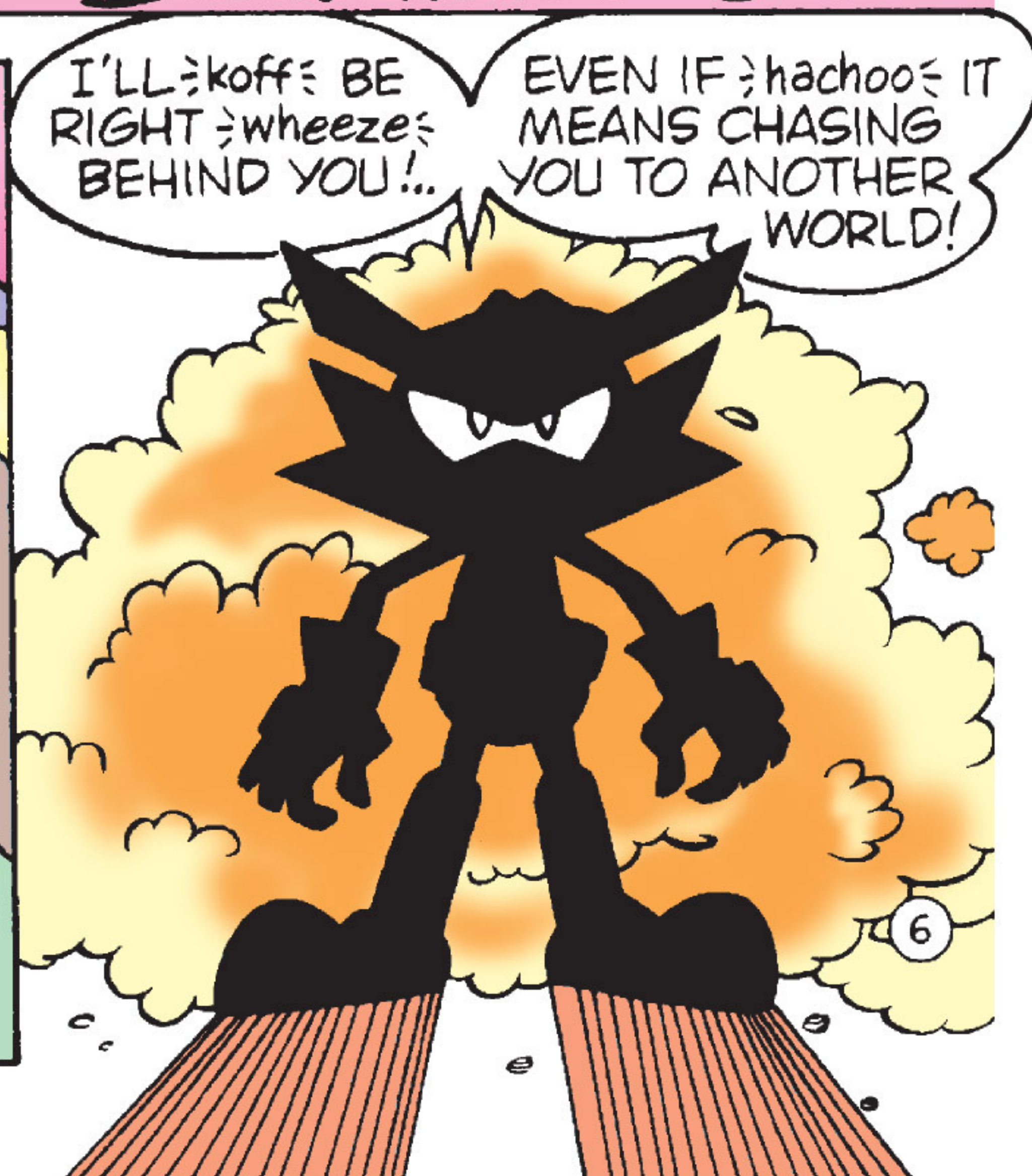
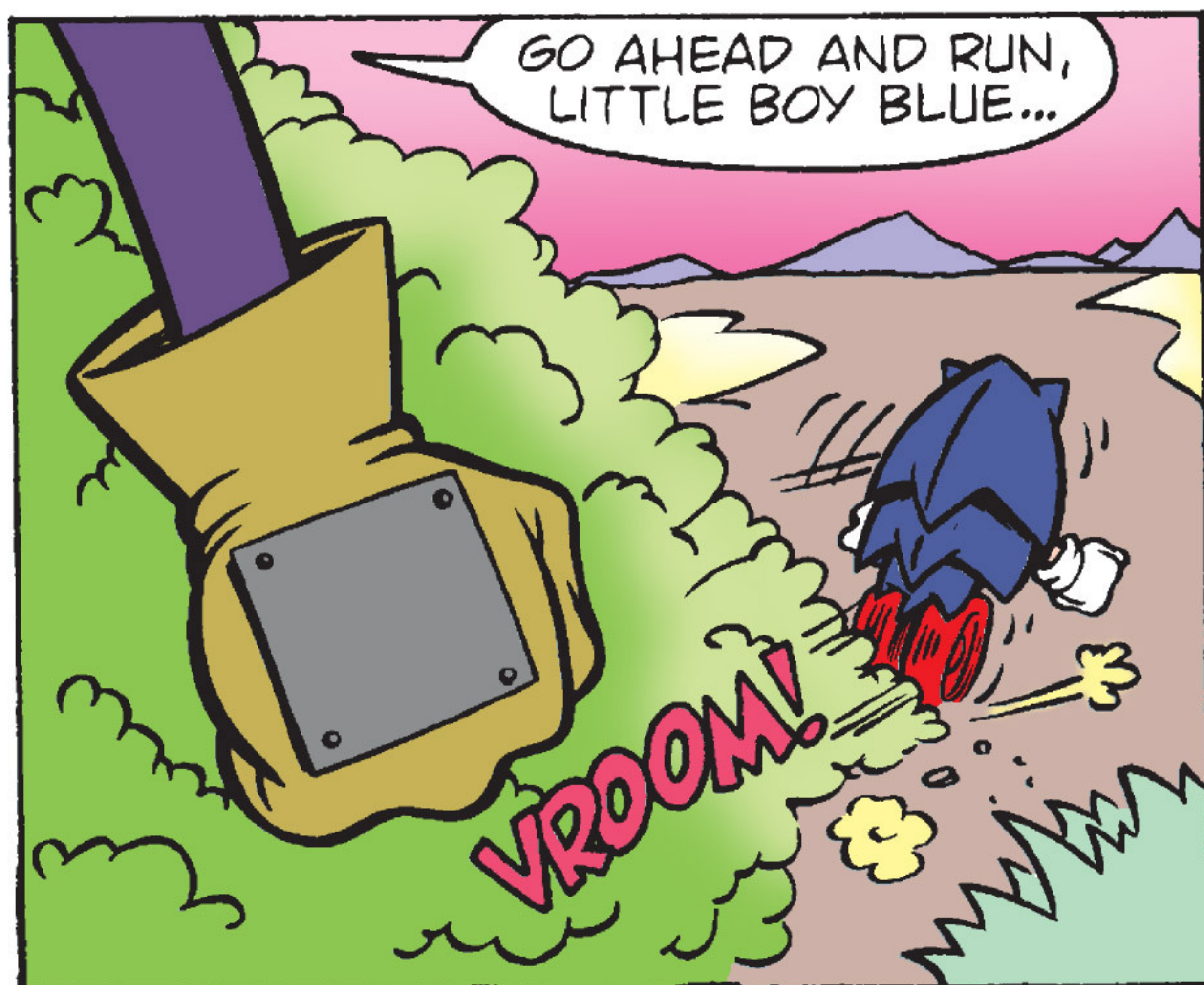
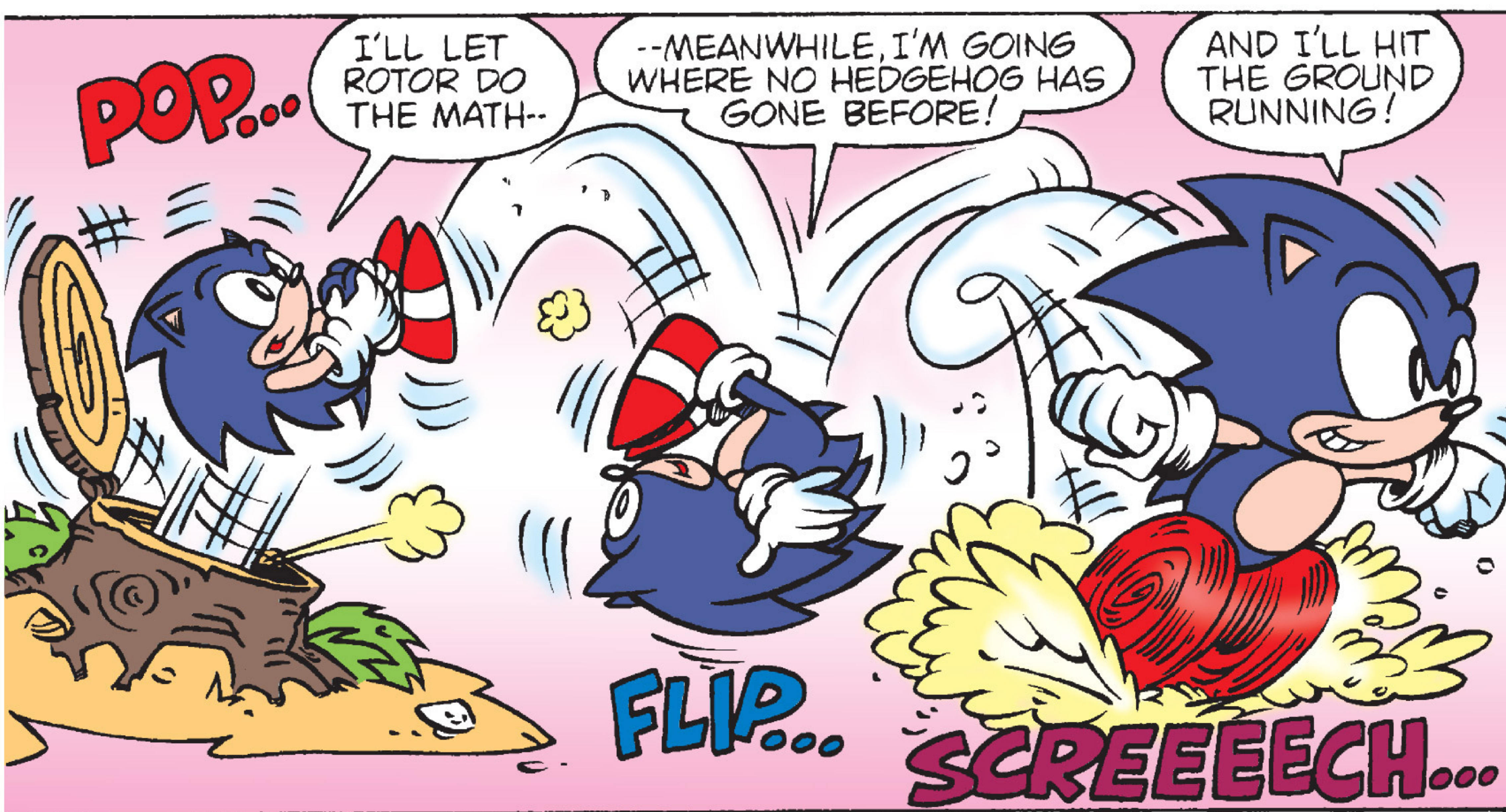
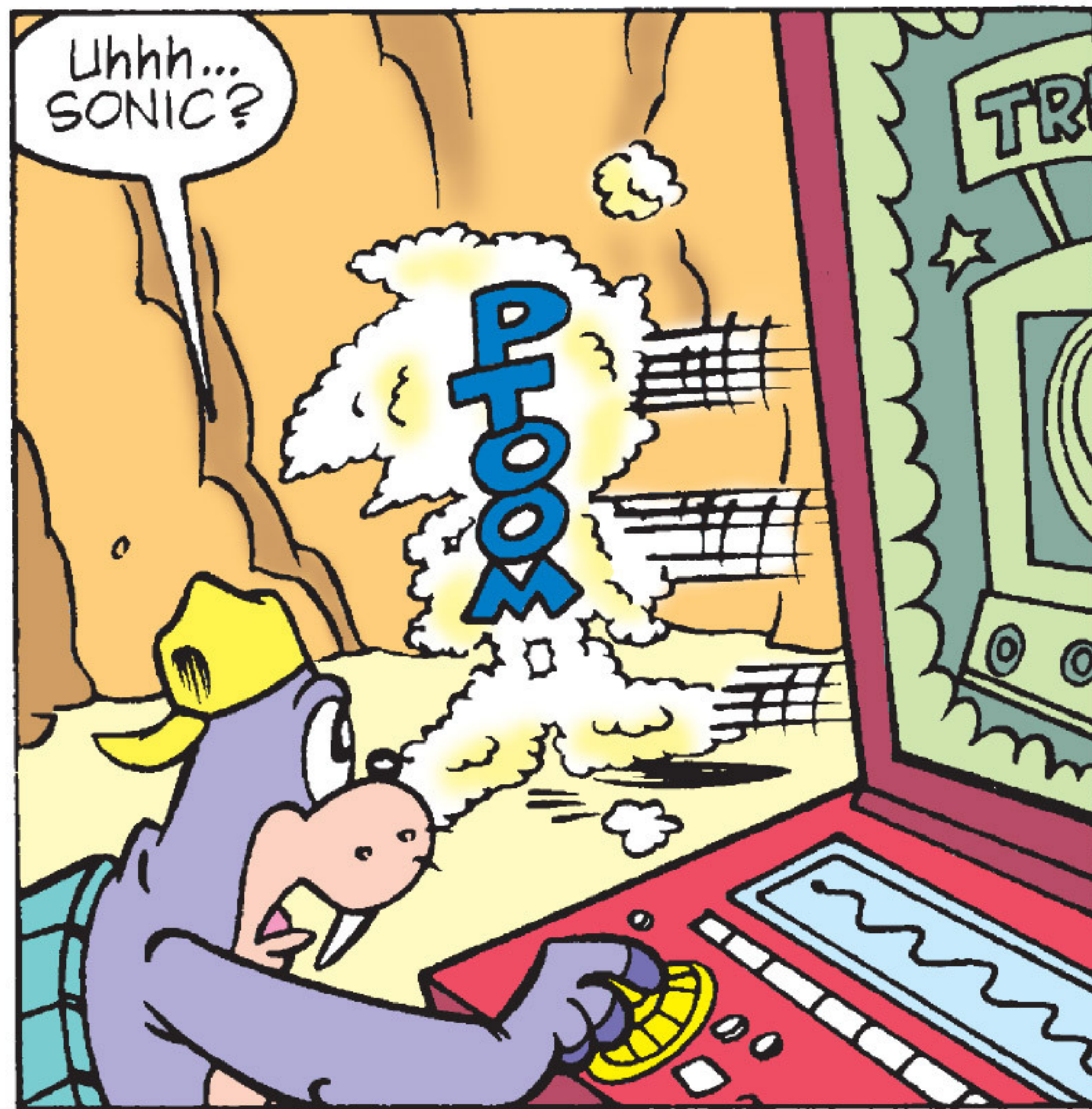
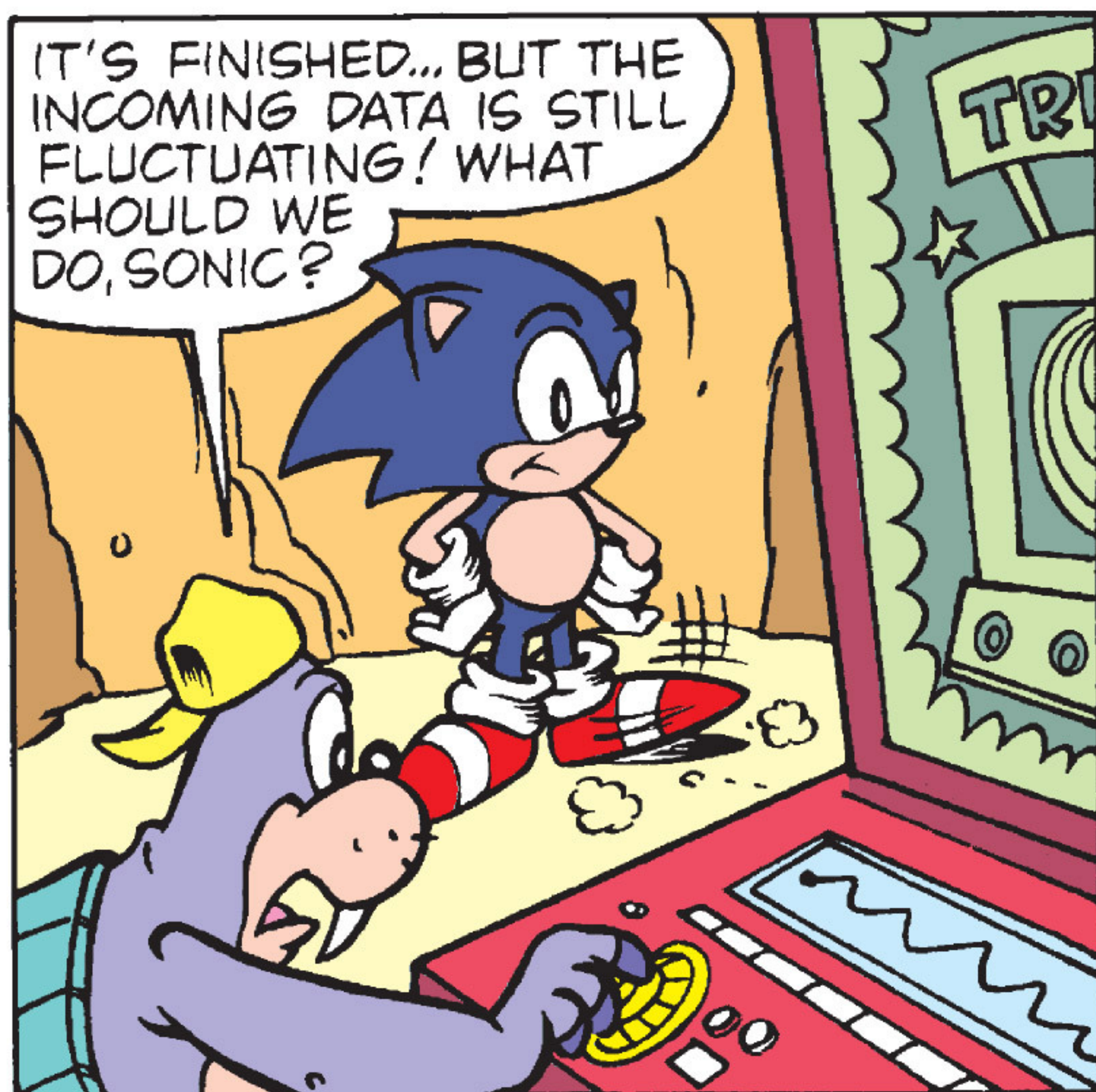
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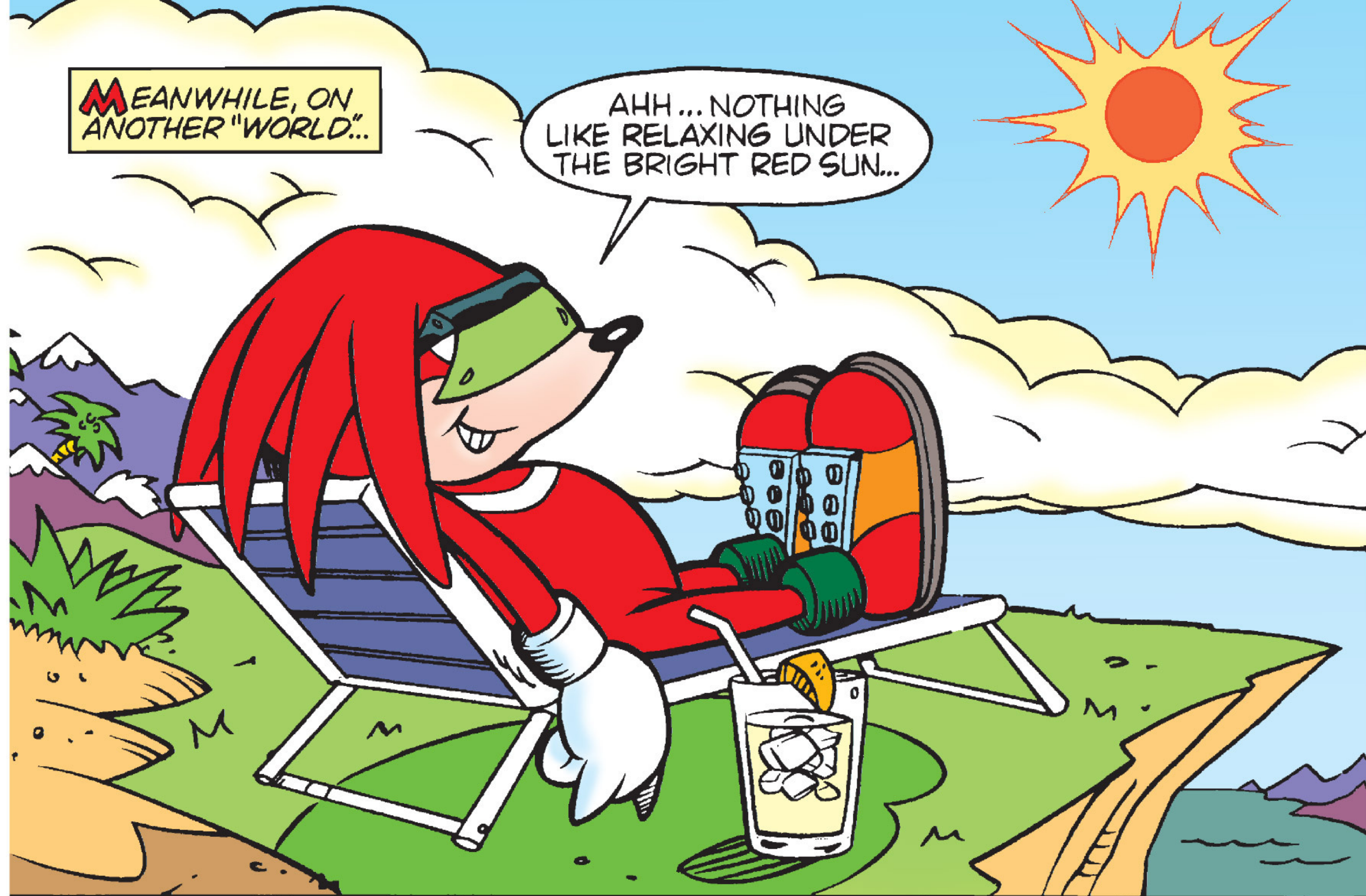
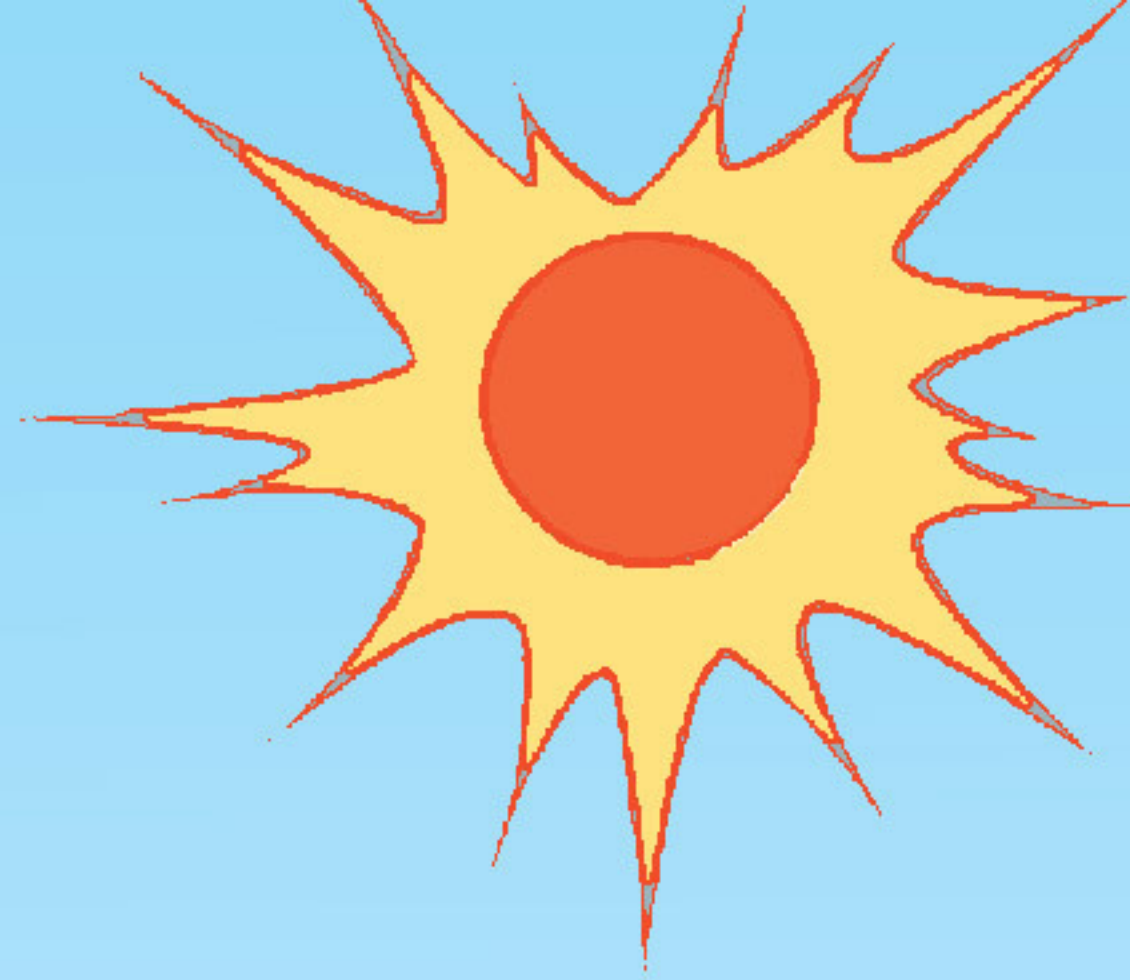
"THROUGH THE
MAGIC OF THE
CHAOS EMERALD,
WE'RE WITNESSING
THE CREATION OF
A NEW ZONE!"*

* THE SAME TYPE OF
"ACTION ZONES" FOUND
IN ALL SONIC GAMES-Editor



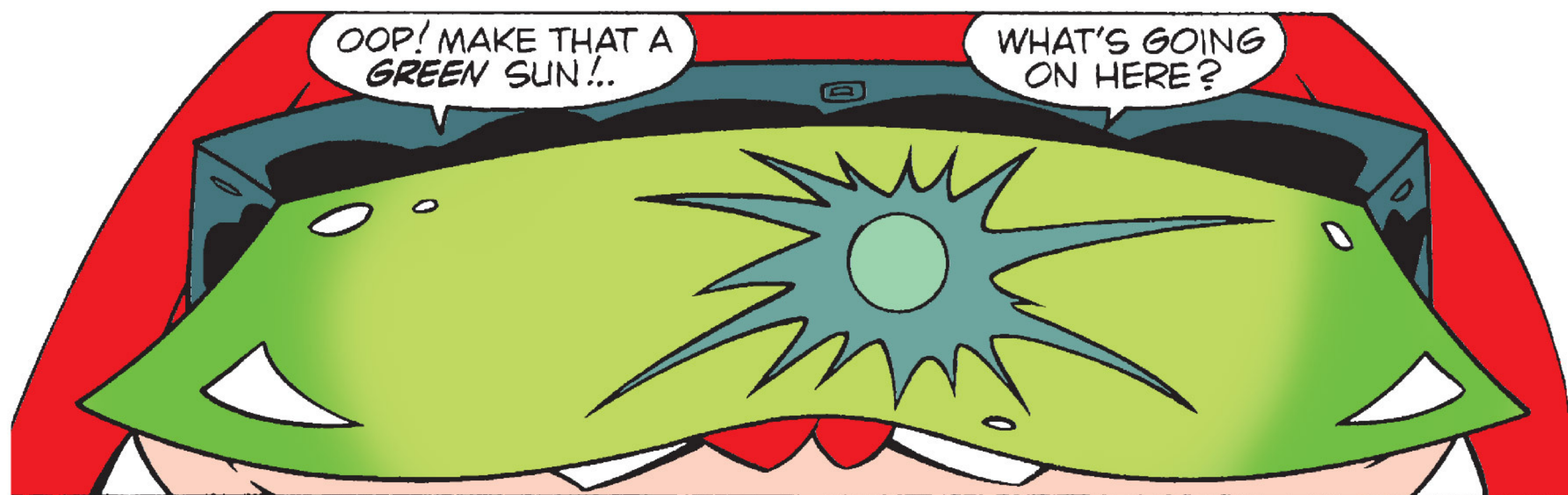
MEANWHILE, ON
ANOTHER "WORLD"...

AHH... NOTHING
LIKE RELAXING UNDER
THE BRIGHT RED SUN...



OOP! MAKE THAT A
GREEN SUN!...

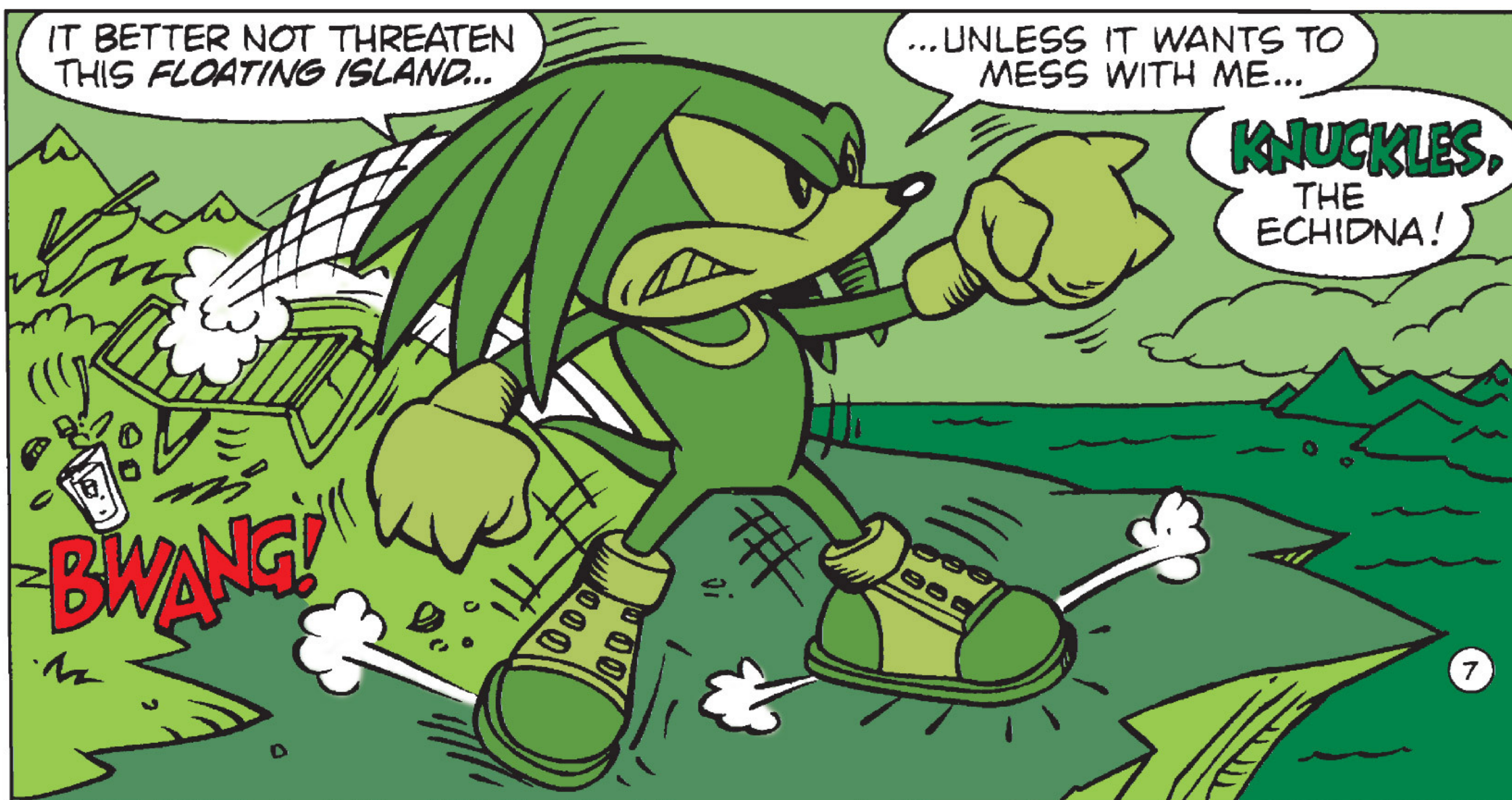
WHAT'S GOING
ON HERE?

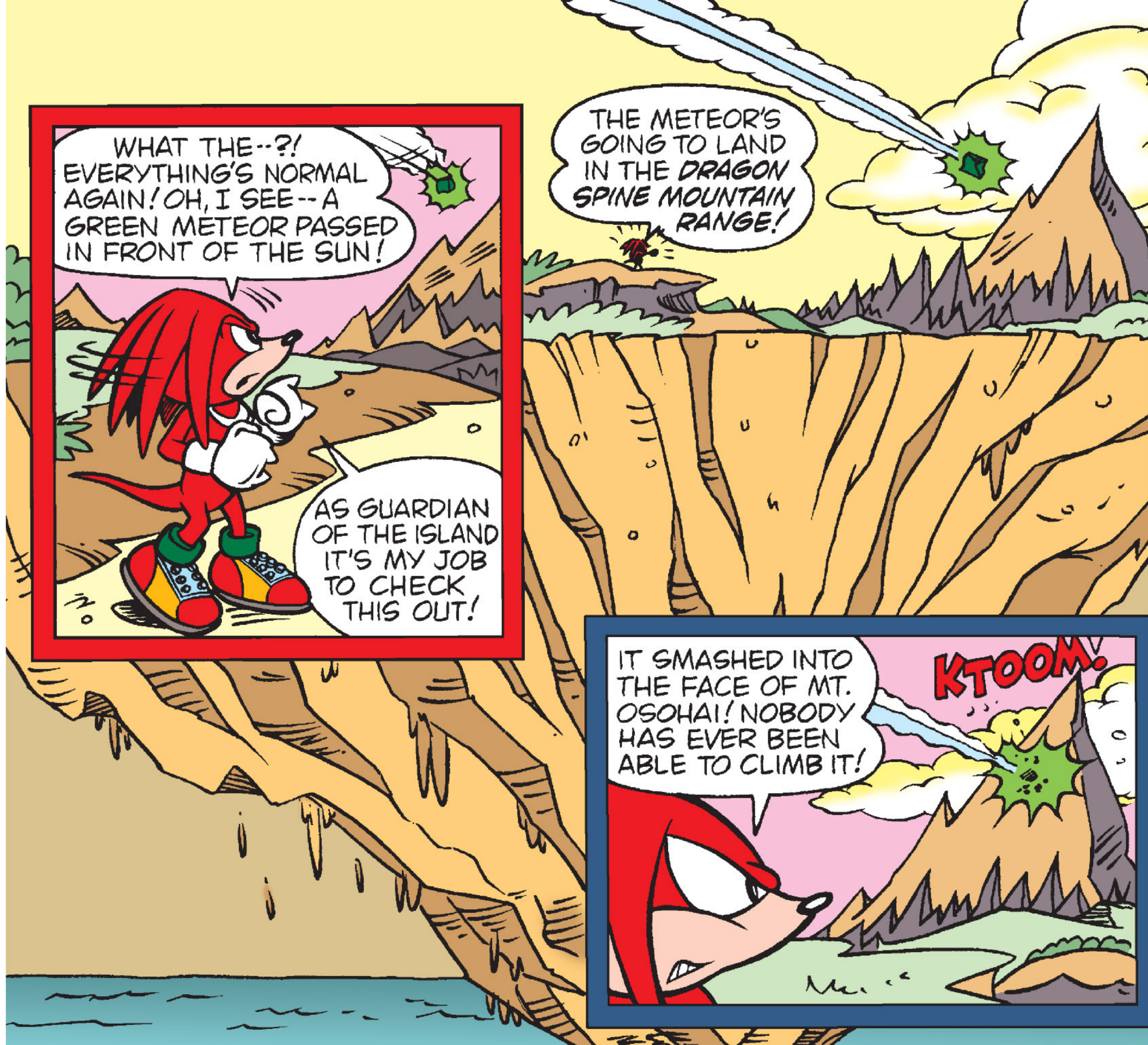


IT BETTER NOT THREATEN
THIS FLOATING ISLAND...

...UNLESS IT WANTS TO
MESS WITH ME...

KNUCKLES,
THE
ECHIDNA!





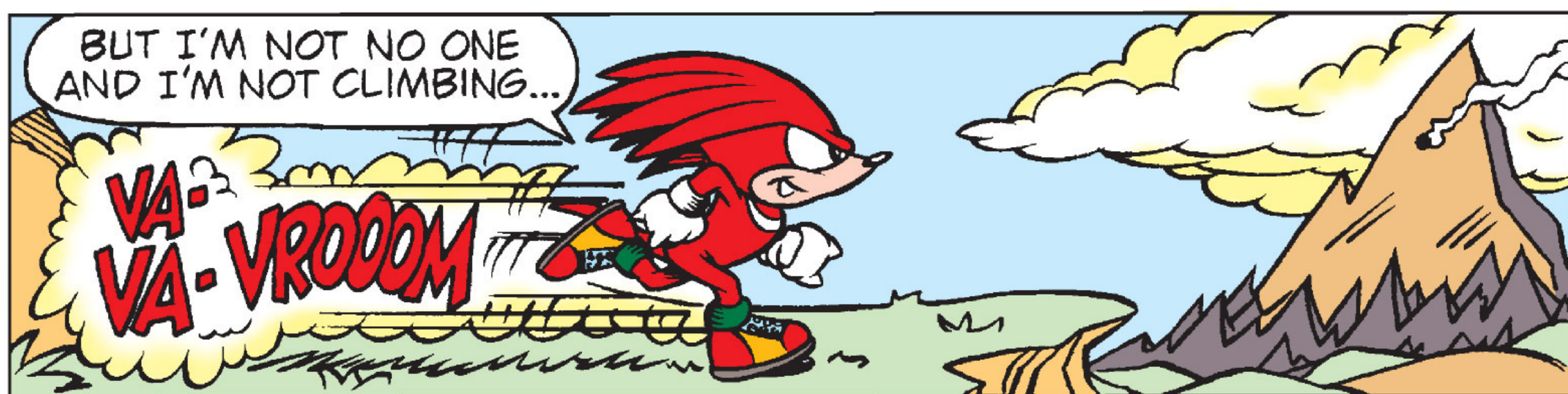
WHAT THE--?! EVERYTHING'S NORMAL AGAIN! OH, I SEE-- A GREEN METEOR PASSED IN FRONT OF THE SUN!

THE METEOR'S GOING TO LAND IN THE DRAGON SPINE MOUNTAIN RANGE!

AS GUARDIAN OF THE ISLAND IT'S MY JOB TO CHECK THIS OUT!

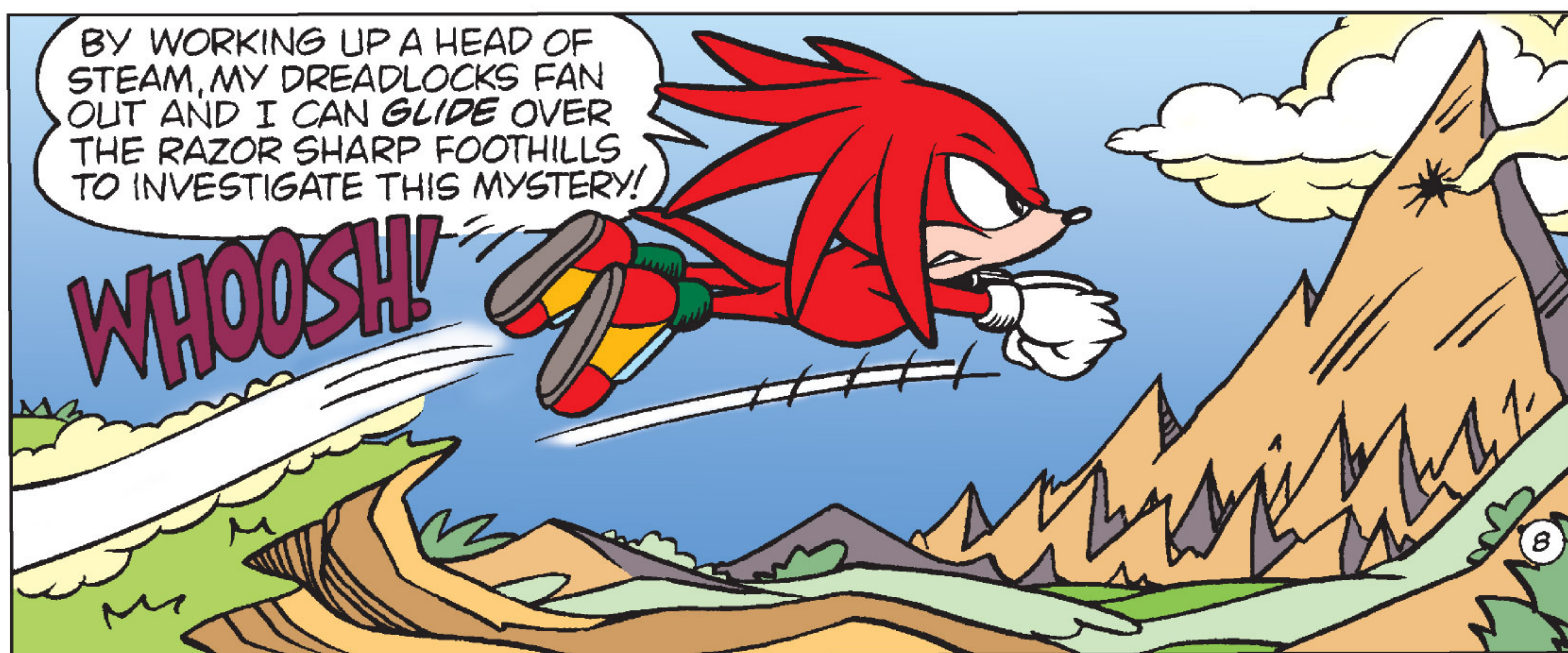
IT SMASHED INTO THE FACE OF MT. OSOHA! NOBODY HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO CLIMB IT!

KTOOM!



BUT I'M NOT NO ONE AND I'M NOT CLIMBING...

VA-VA-VROOOM



BY WORKING UP A HEAD OF STEAM, MY DREADLOCKS FAN OUT AND I CAN GLIDE OVER THE RAZOR SHARP FOOTHILLS TO INVESTIGATE THIS MYSTERY!

WHOOOSH!

I'LL JAM MY KNUCKLES INTO THE CLIFF AND TAKE A CLOSER LOOK...

K-KRUK!

HEY, WHAT THE--
IT'S A CHAOS
EMERALD!

AND IT'S STILL
BURROWING INTO
THE ROCK!!!

--RUMBLE!!!

WHOA! THE
WHOLE MOUNTAIN'S
VIBRATING!

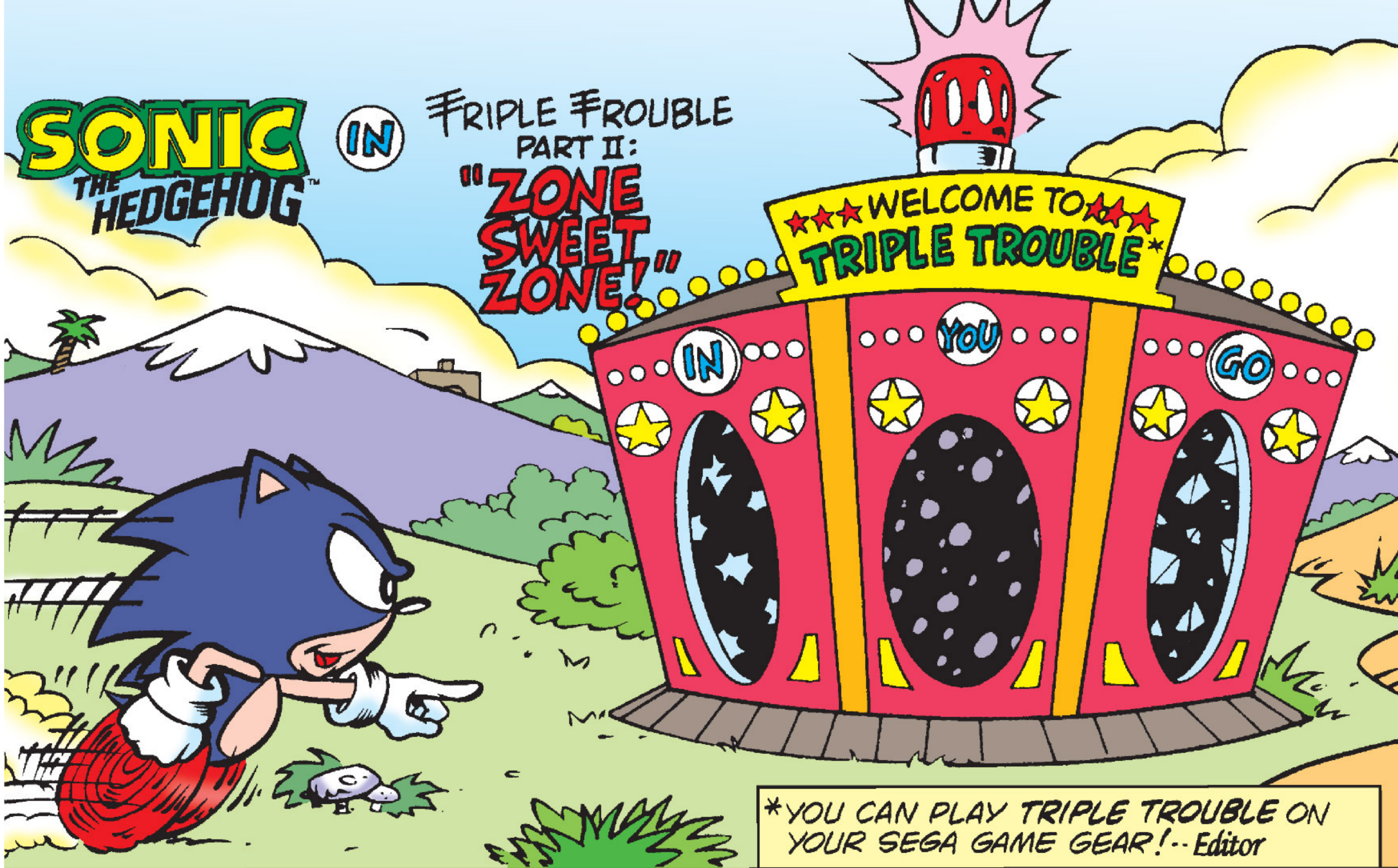
BETTER GLIDE TO SAFETY AND--

KLONK!

OW!

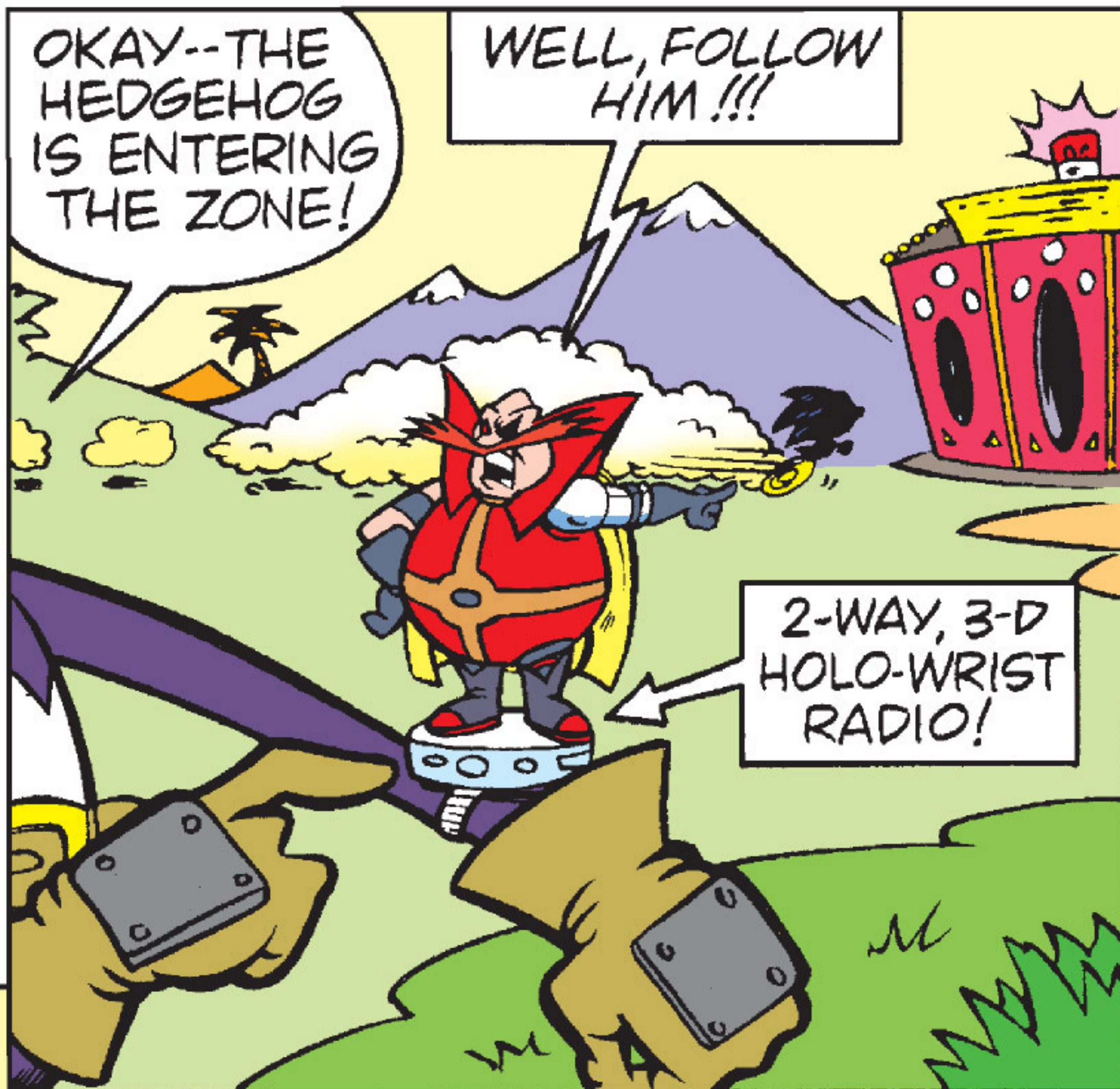
AS AN UNCONSCIOUS KNUCKLES
PLUMMETS TO A CERTAIN DOOM...

...WE END
CHAPTER 1!



FRIPLE FROUBLE
PART II:
"ZONE
SWEET
ZONE!"

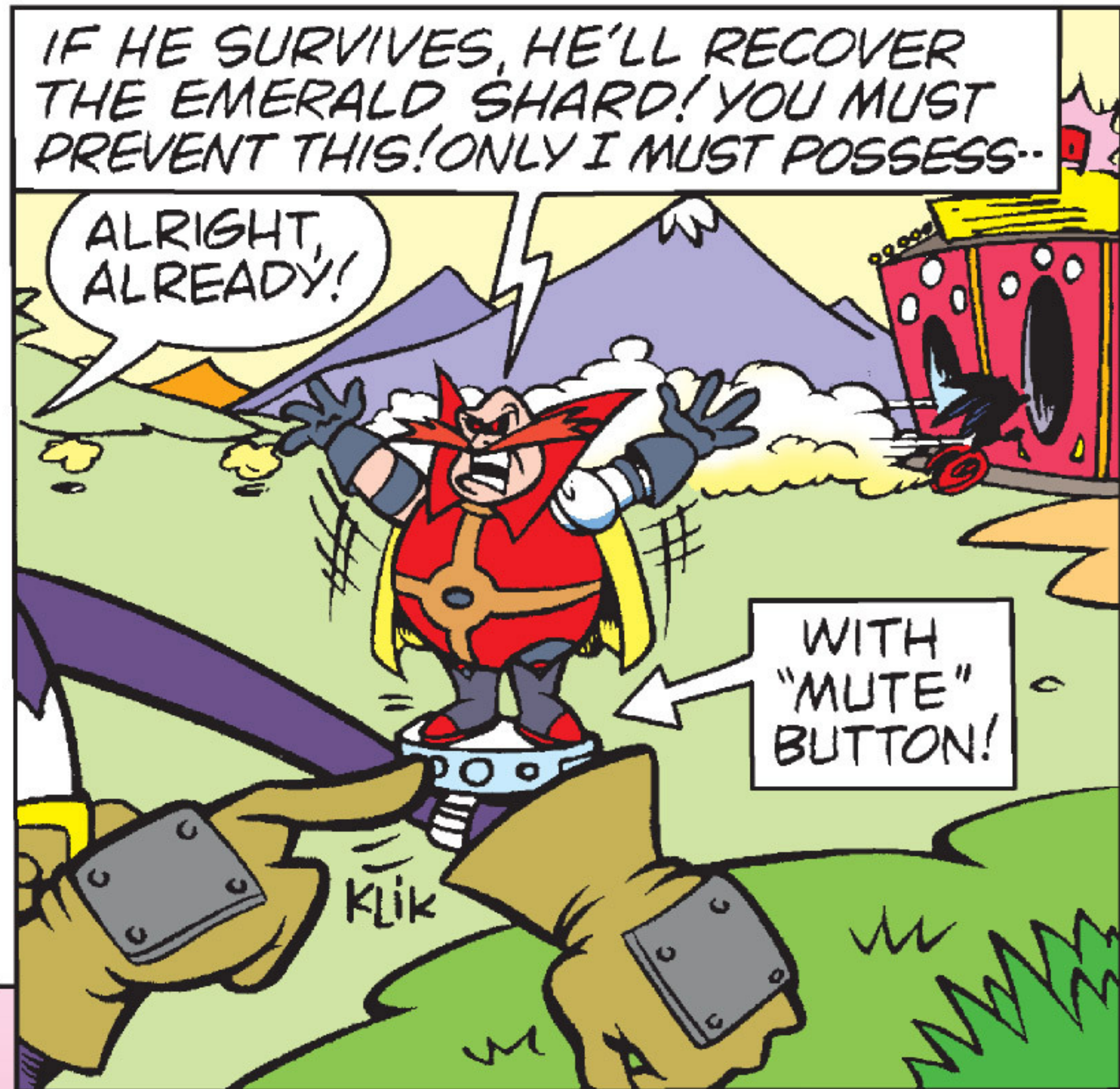
*YOU CAN PLAY TRIPLE TROUBLE ON YOUR SEGA GAME GEAR!... Editor



OKAY--THE HEDGEHOG IS ENTERING THE ZONE!

WELL, FOLLOW HIM!!!

2-WAY, 3-D HOLO-WRIST RADIO!

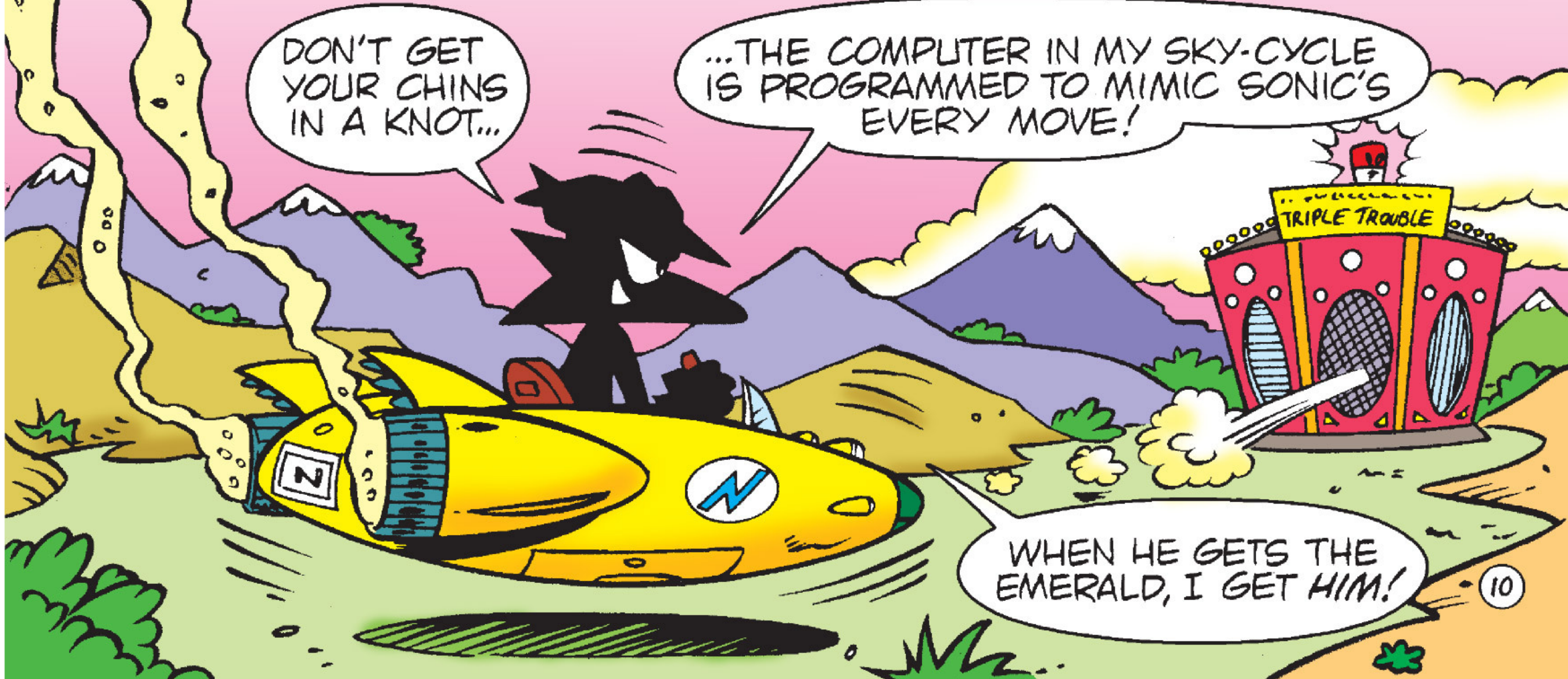


IF HE SURVIVES, HE'LL RECOVER THE EMERALD SHARD! YOU MUST PREVENT THIS! ONLY I MUST POSSESS--

ALRIGHT, ALREADY!

WITH "MUTE" BUTTON!

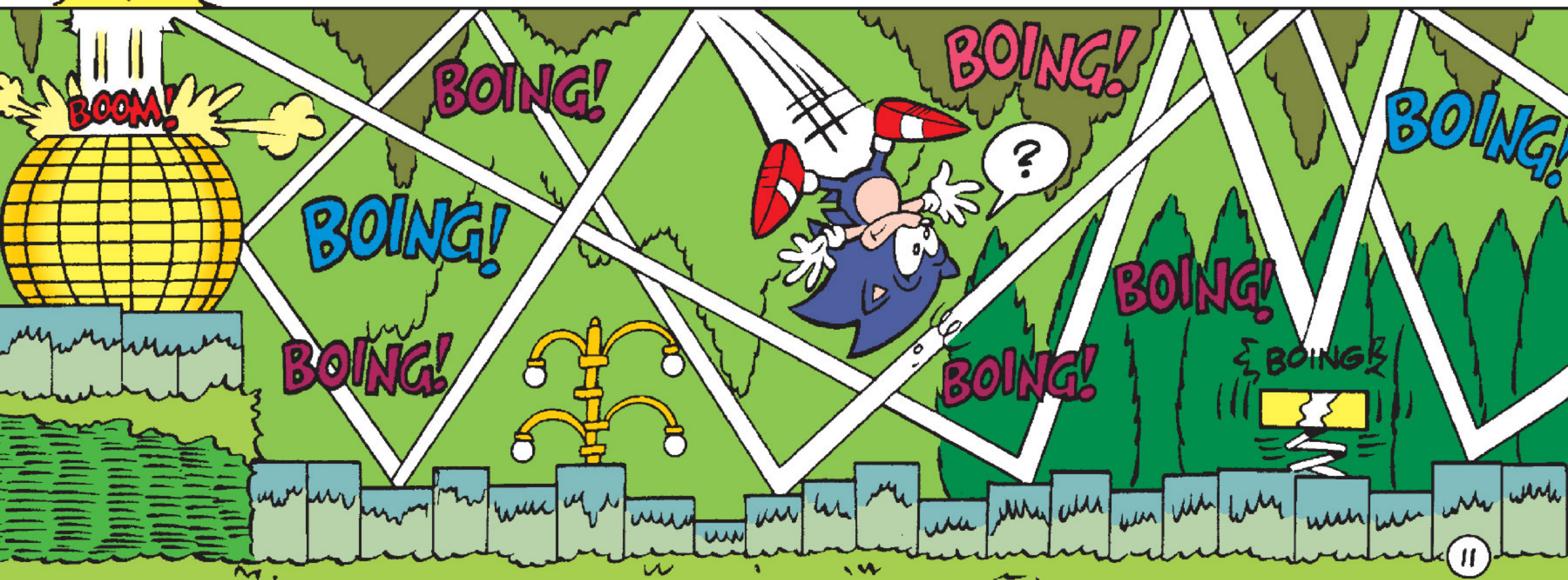
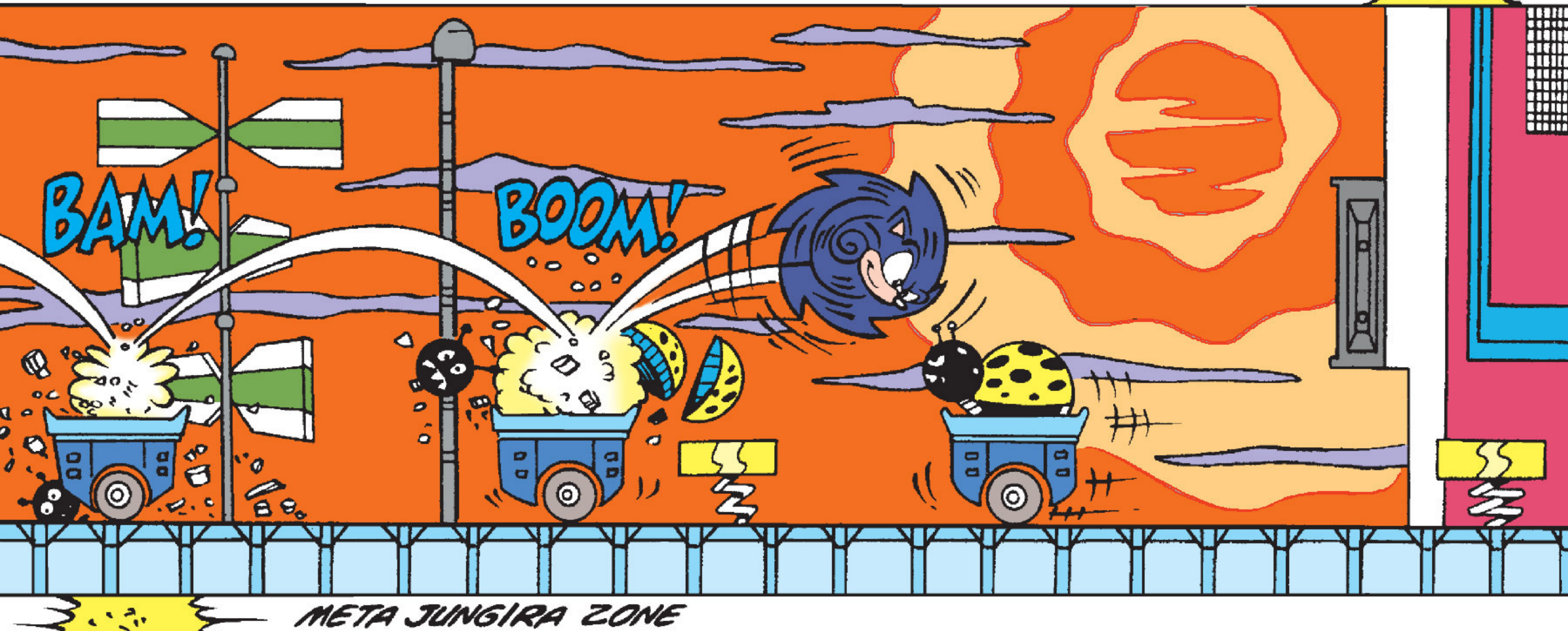
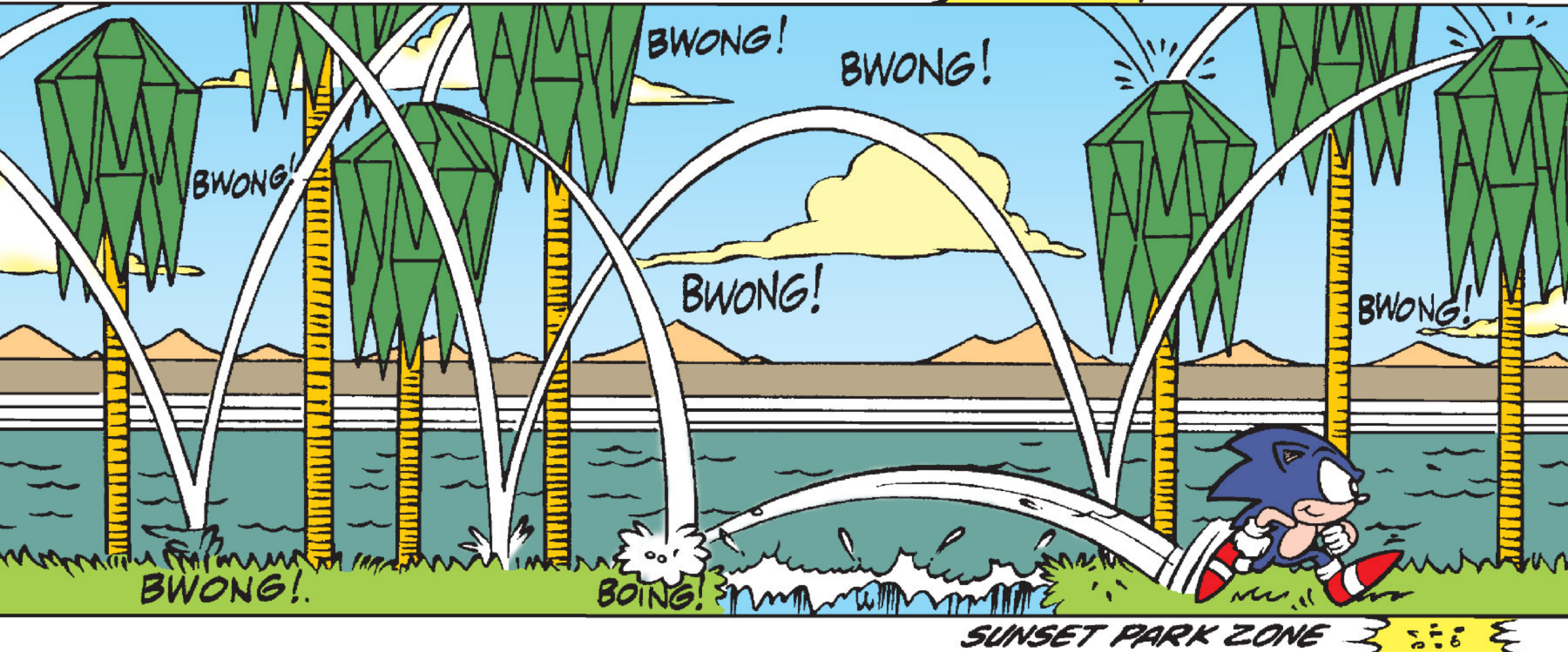
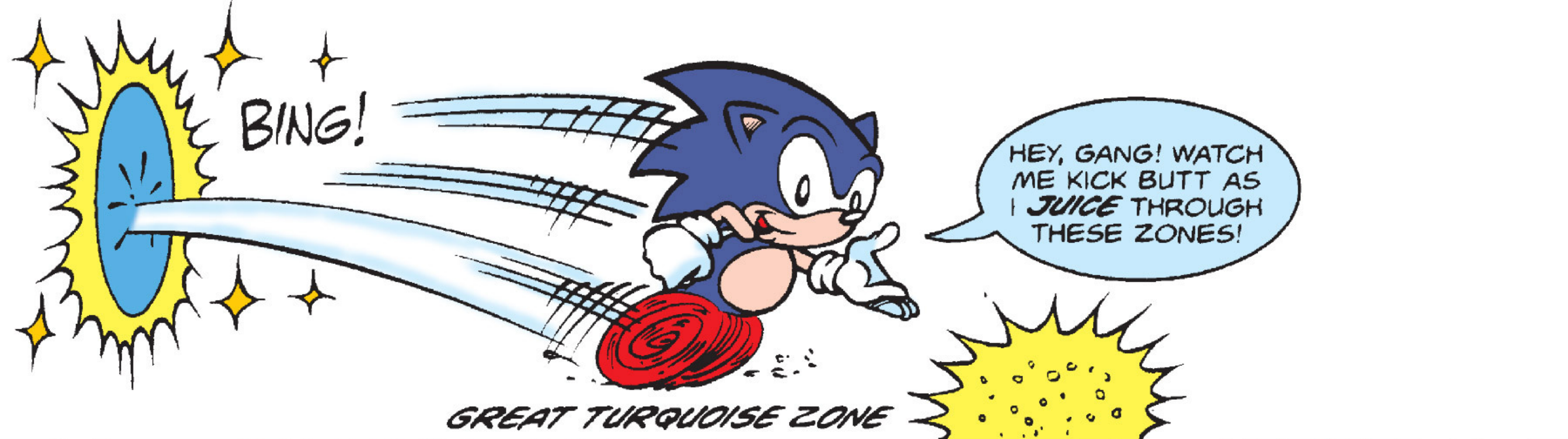
Klik



DON'T GET YOUR CHINS IN A KNOT...

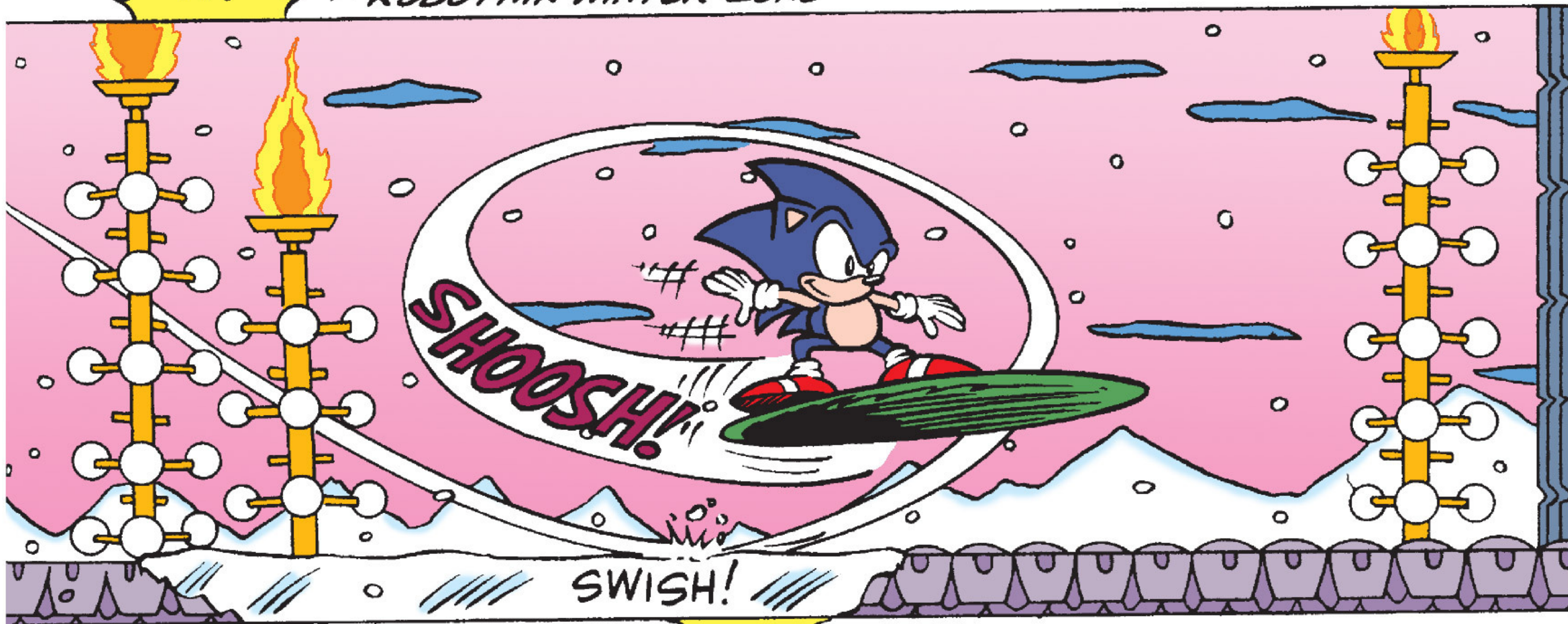
...THE COMPUTER IN MY SKY-CYCLE IS PROGRAMMED TO MIMIC SONIC'S EVERY MOVE!

WHEN HE GETS THE EMERALD, I GET HIM!





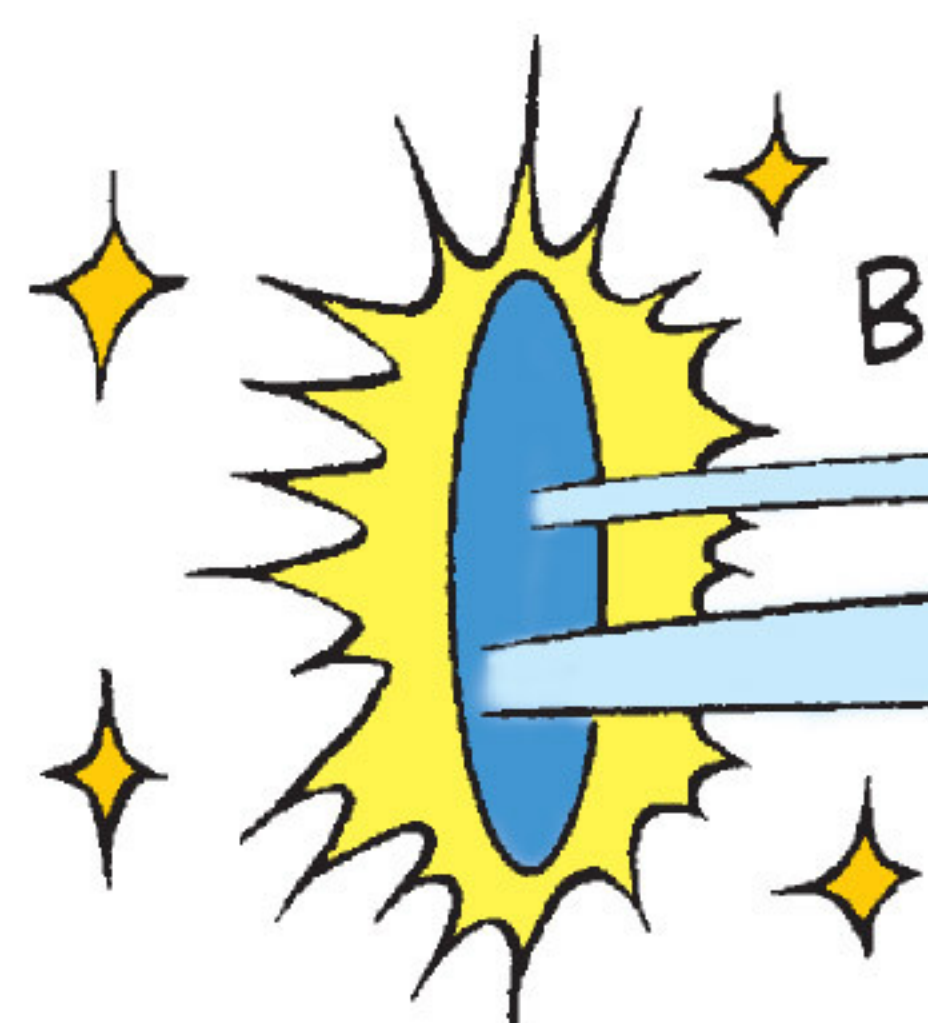
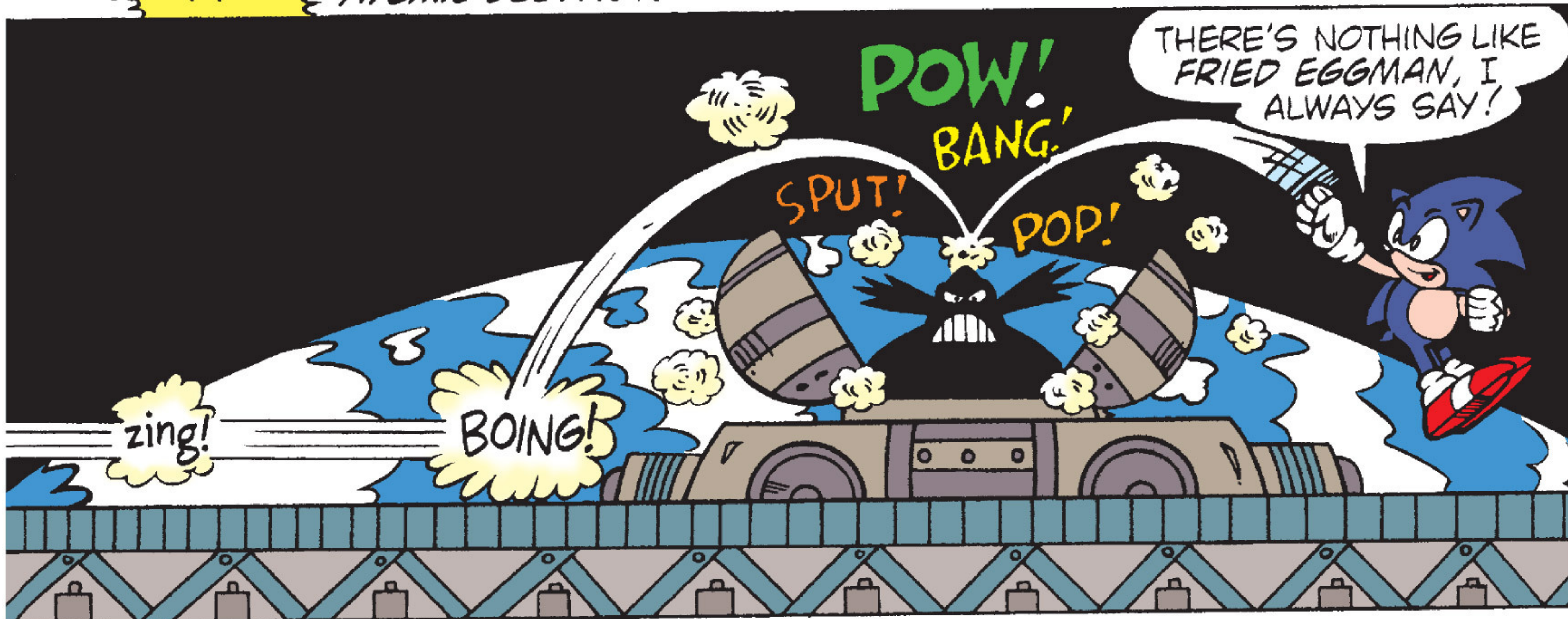
ROBOTNIK WINTER ZONE



TIDAL PLANT ZONE



ATOMIC DESTROYER ZONE



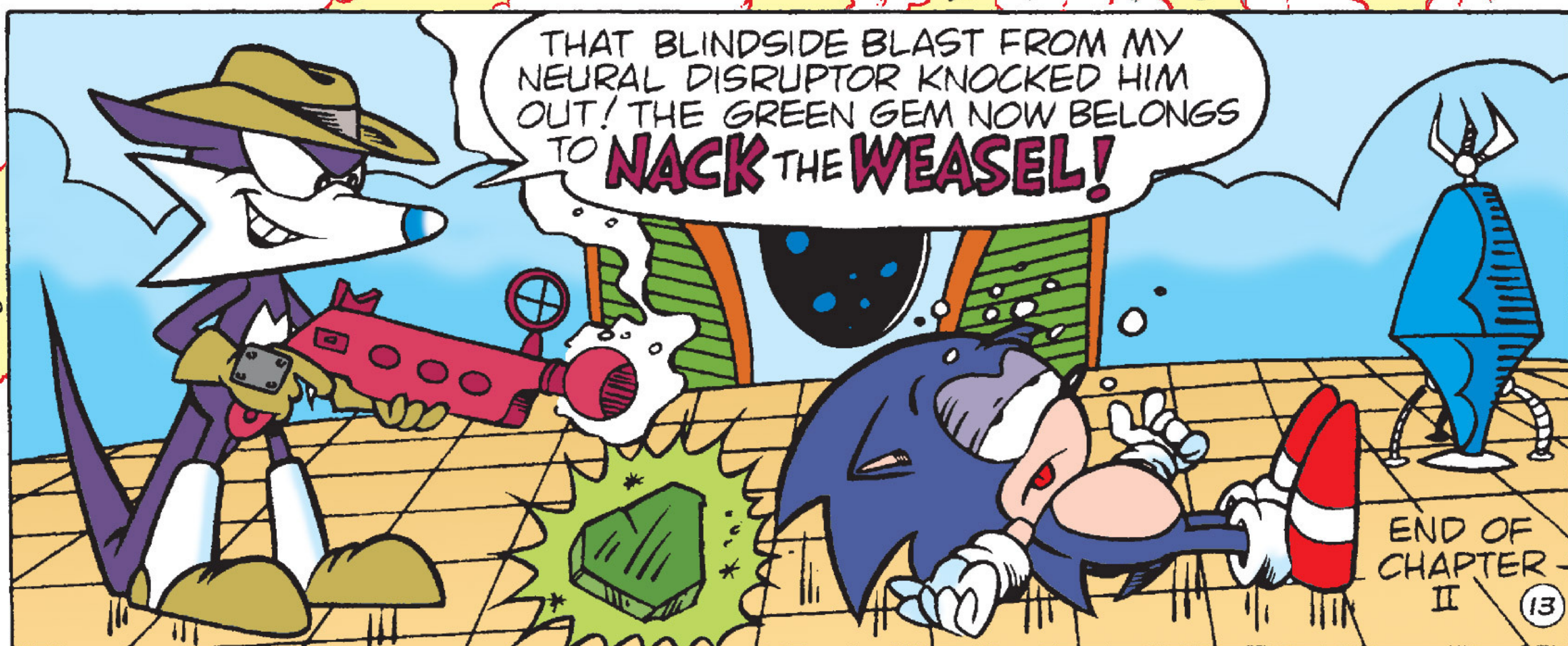
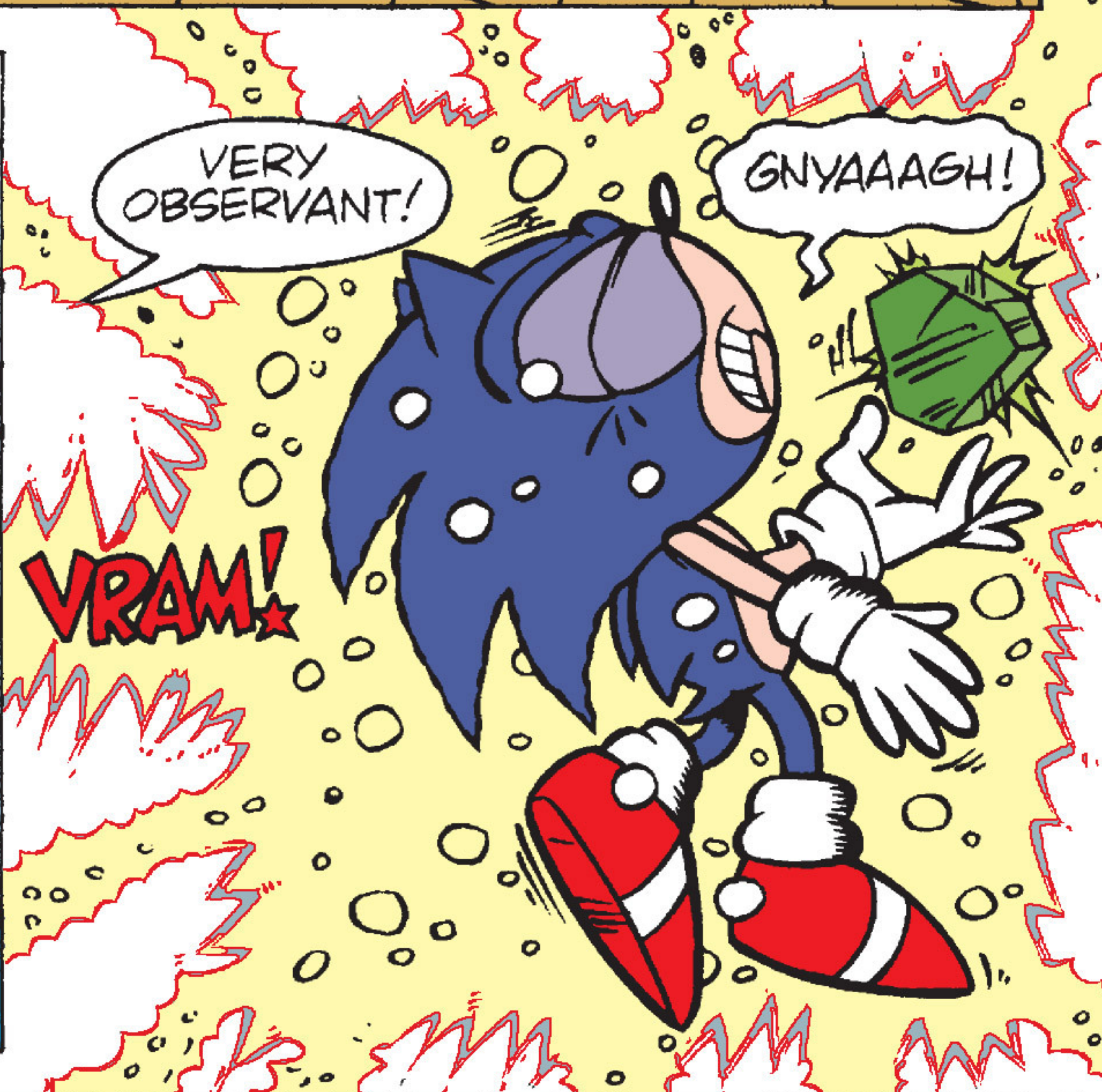
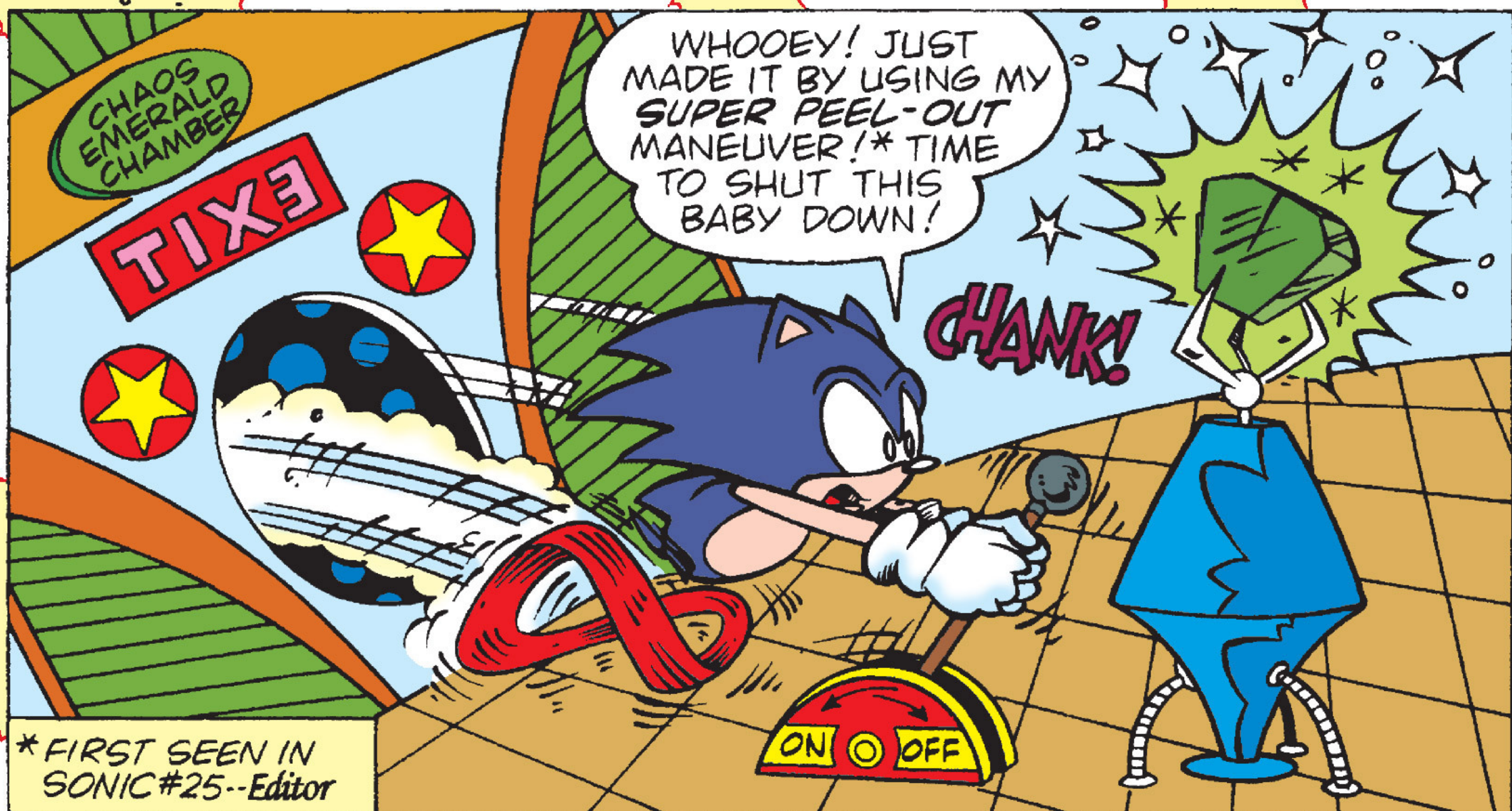
BING!

I MADE IT THROUGH!

AND THERE'S THE CHAOS EMERALD!

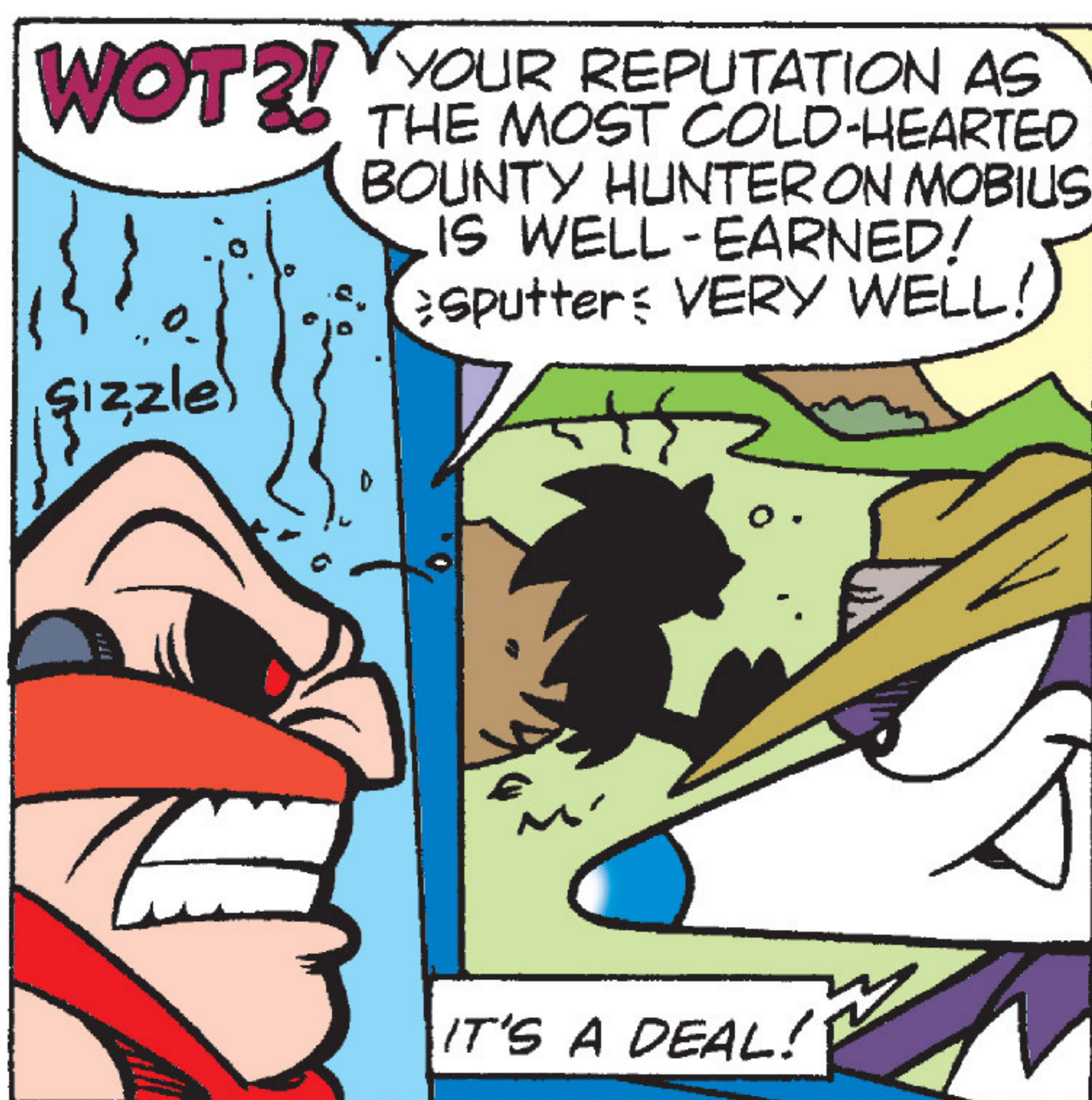
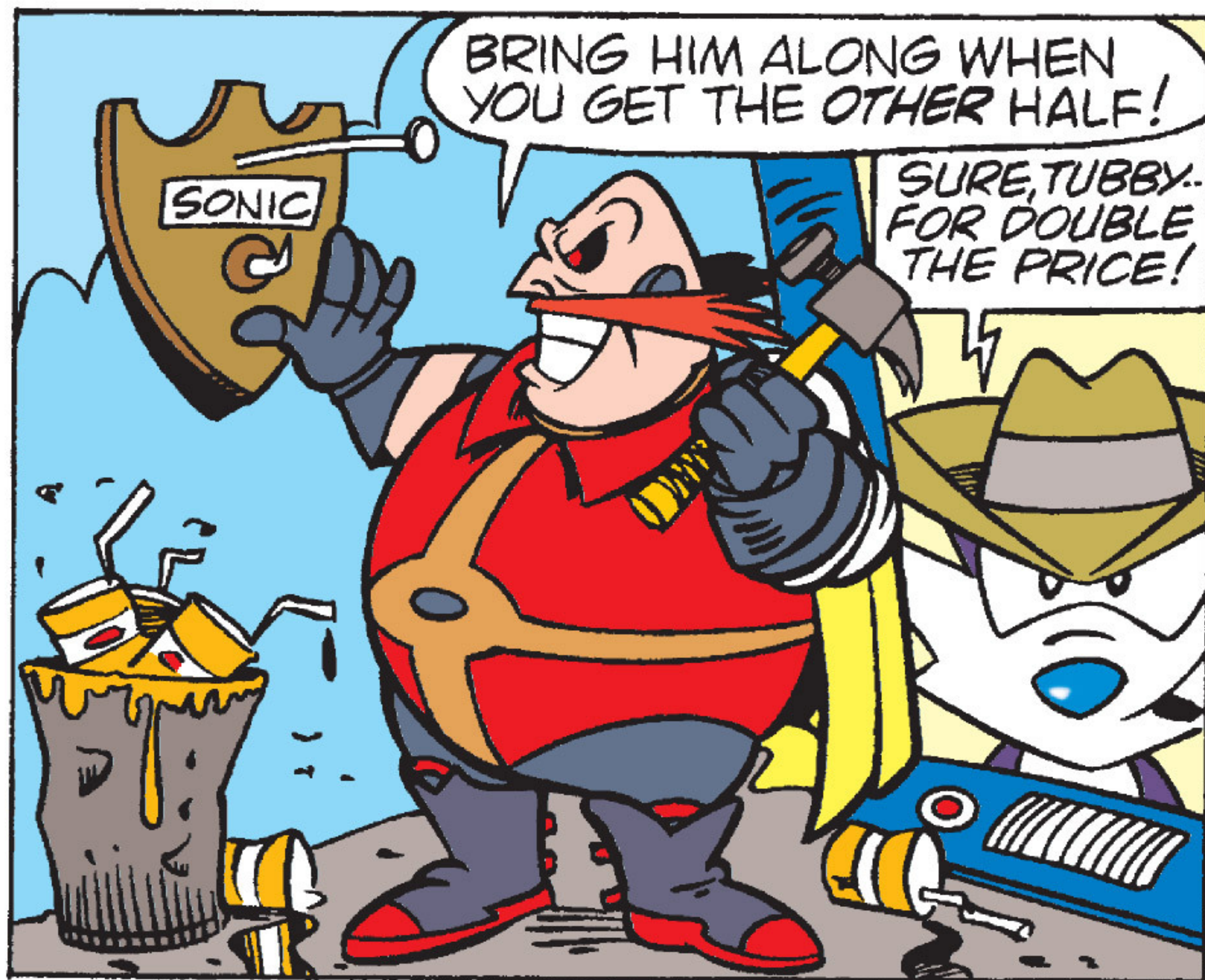
EXIT





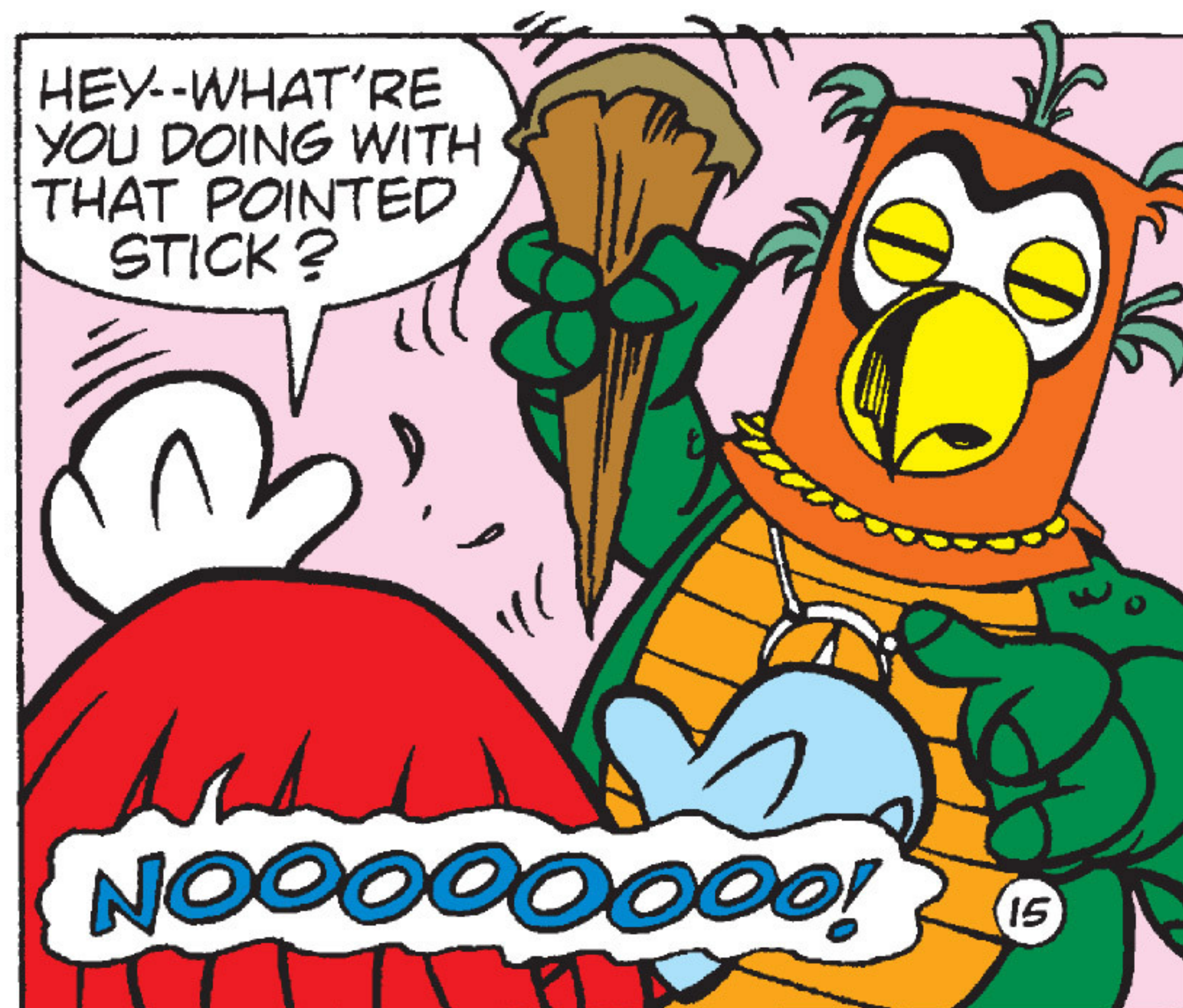
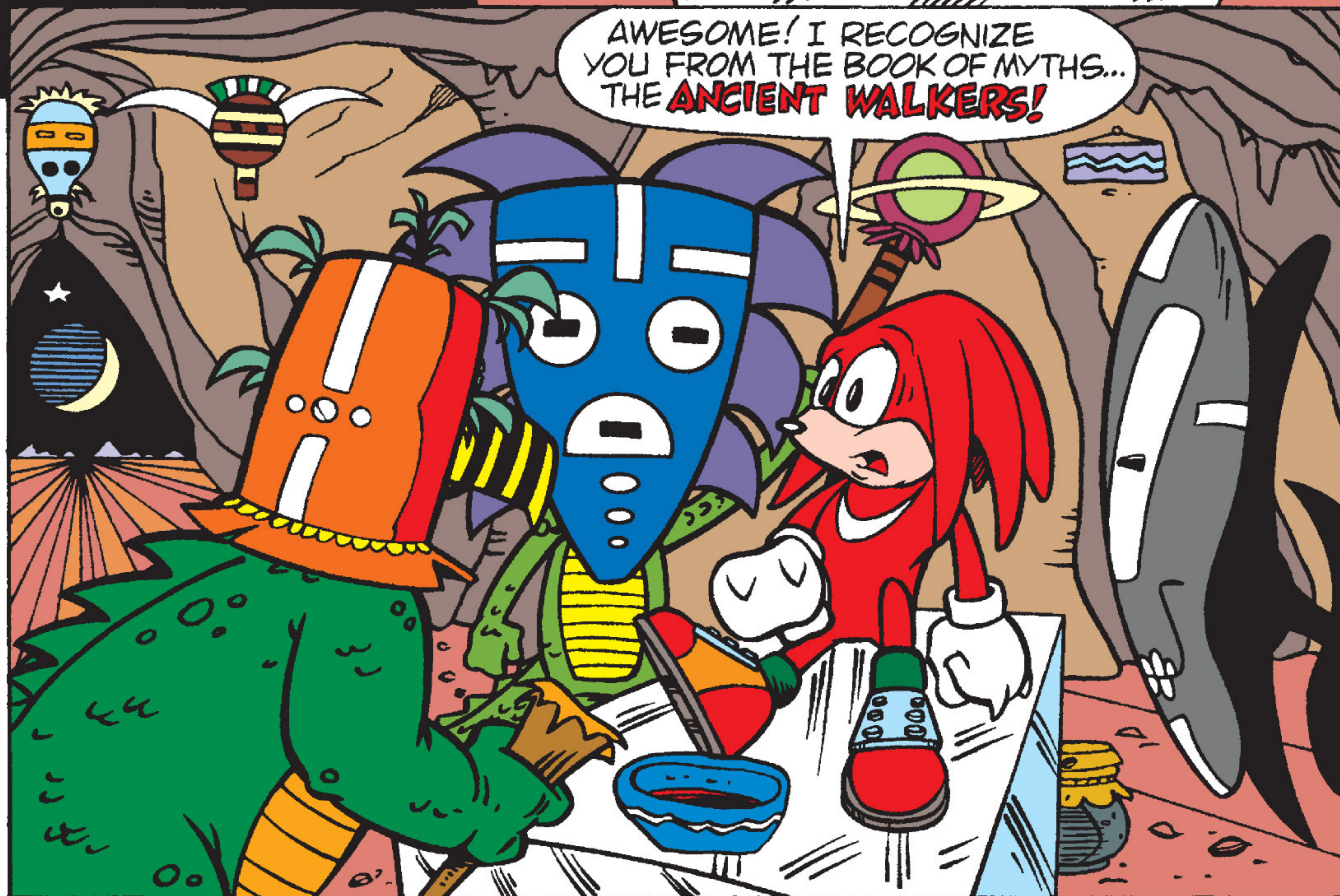
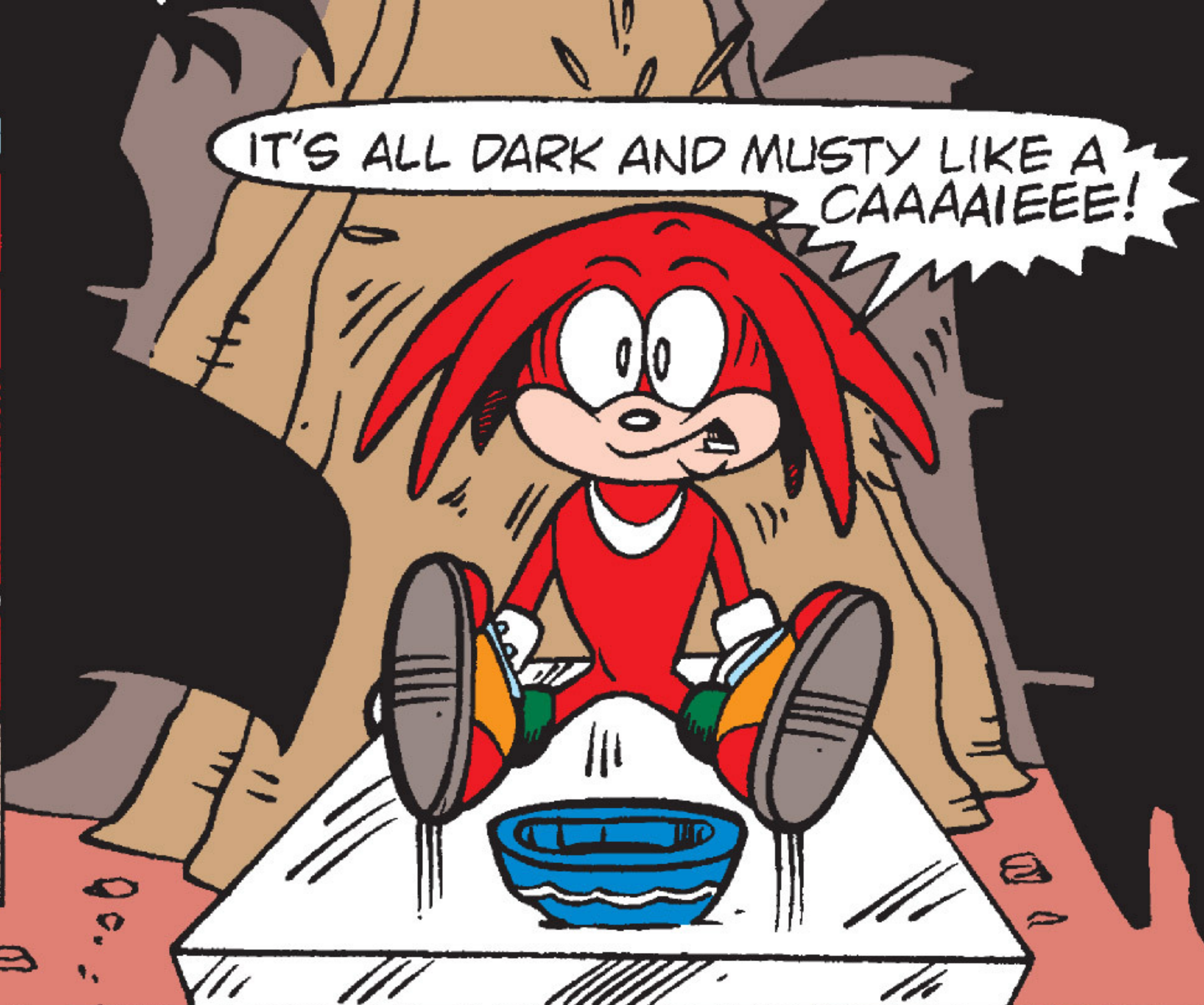
IS DOWN
FOR THE COUNT!
I'VE GOT HALF
THE EMERALD!

EXCELLENT,
NACK!



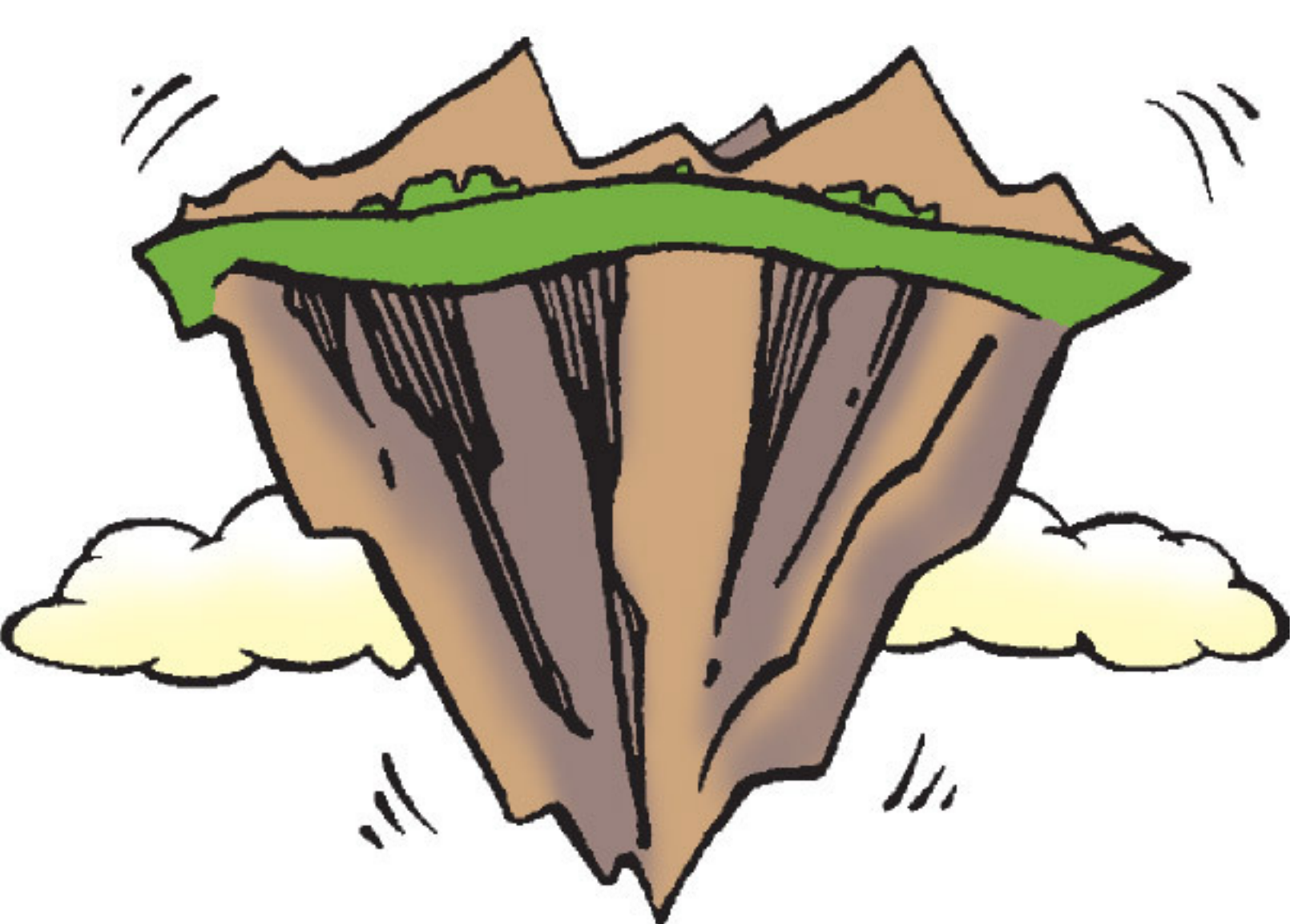
MY SKY-SLED'S COMPUTER
IS TRACKING THE OTHER HALF
OF THE JEWEL!

WELL, WHATTAYA
KNOW... IT MUST BE
LOCATED ON THE
FLOATING ISLAND!





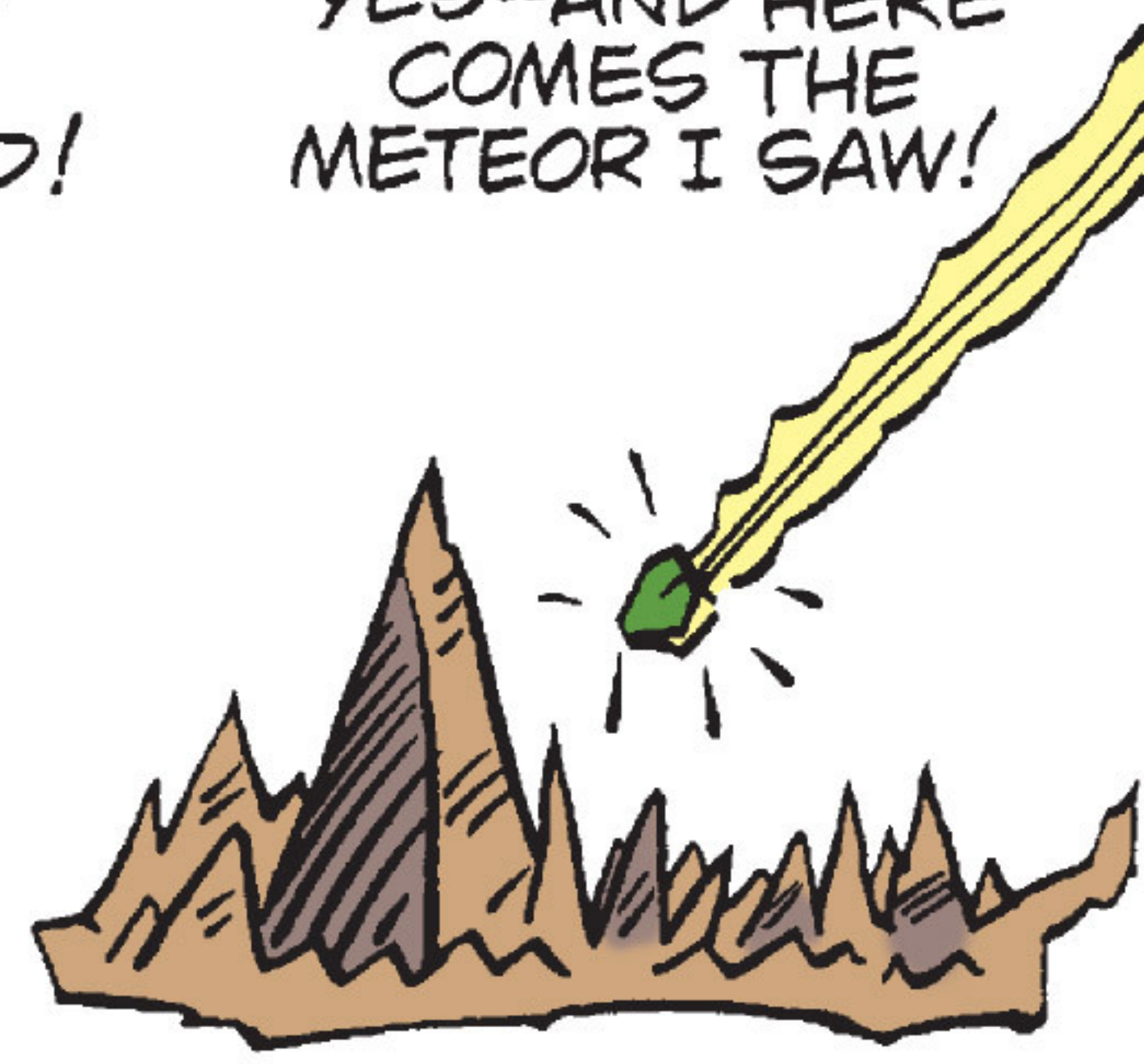
"I'LL INTERPRET AS YOU DRAW...AHA! THAT'S THE FLOATING ISLAND, RIGHT?..



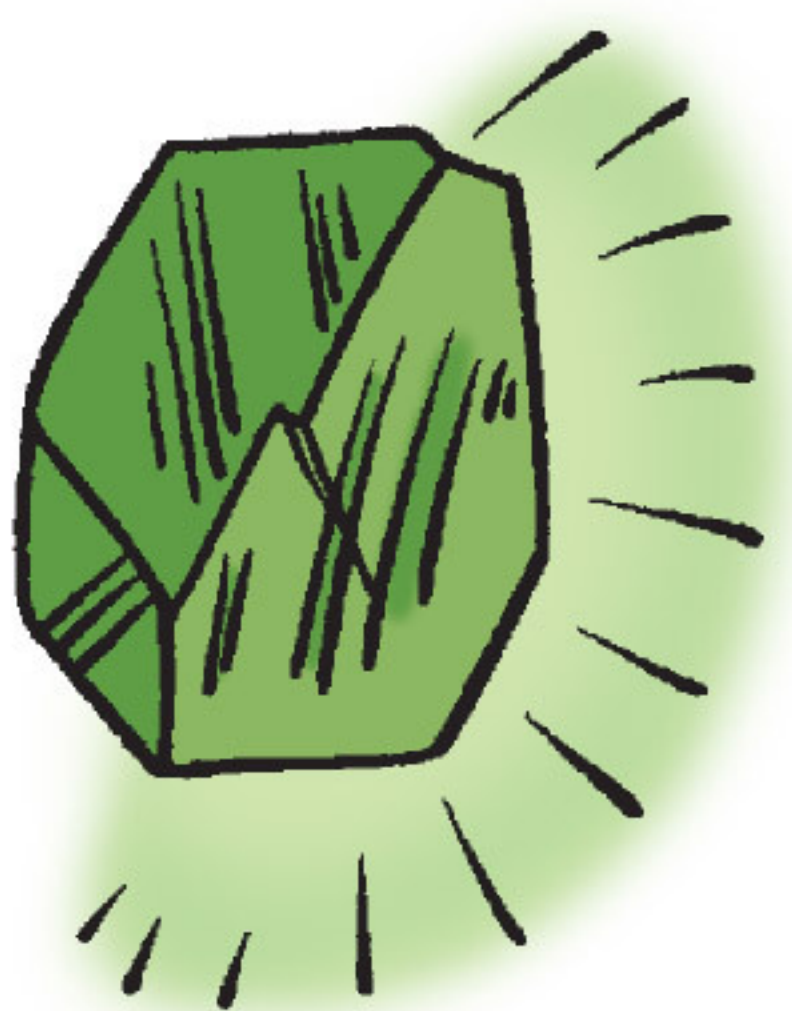
"AND THERE'S THE CHAOS EMERALD THAT POWERS THE ISLAND!



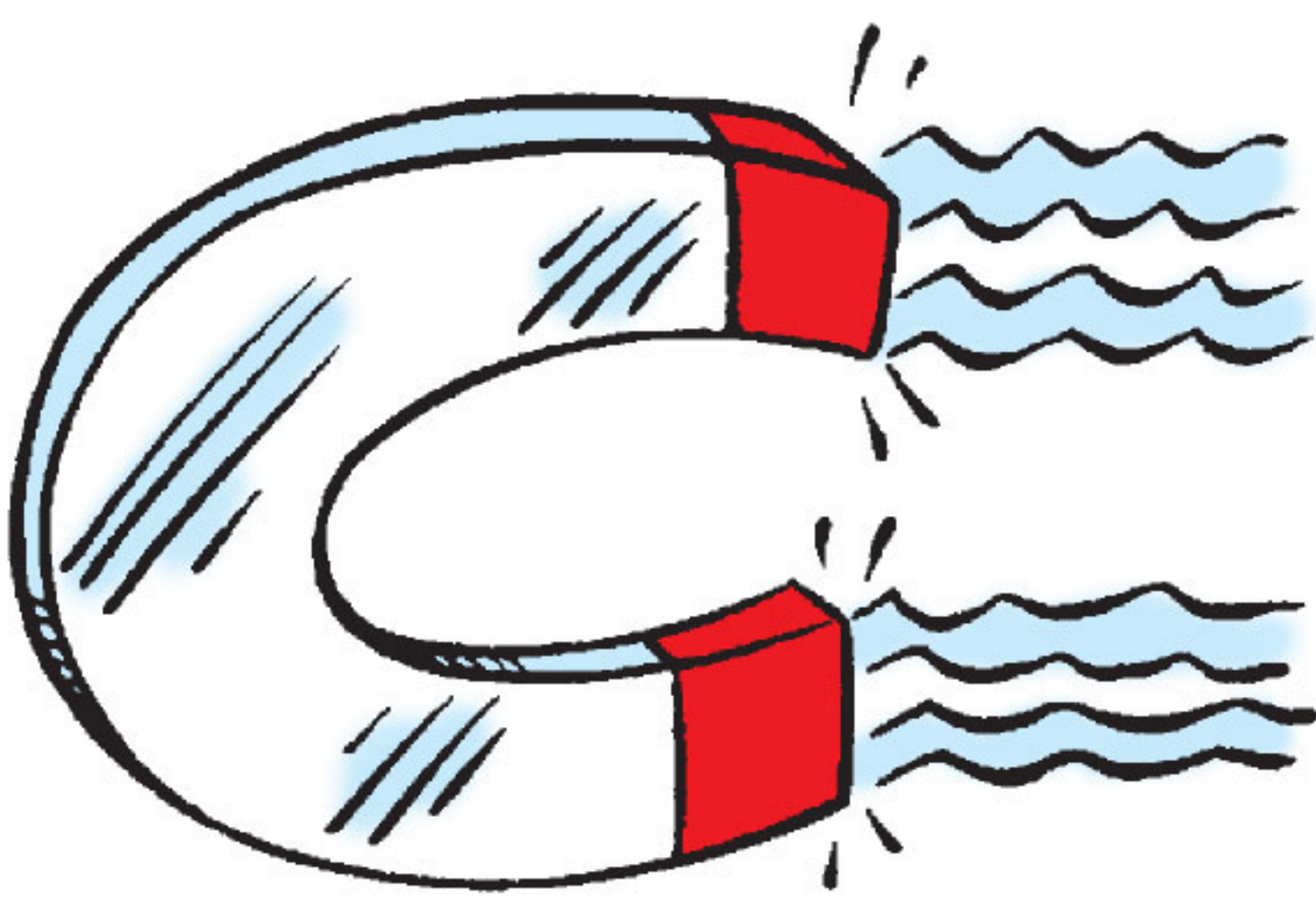
"YES--AND HERE COMES THE METEOR I SAW!



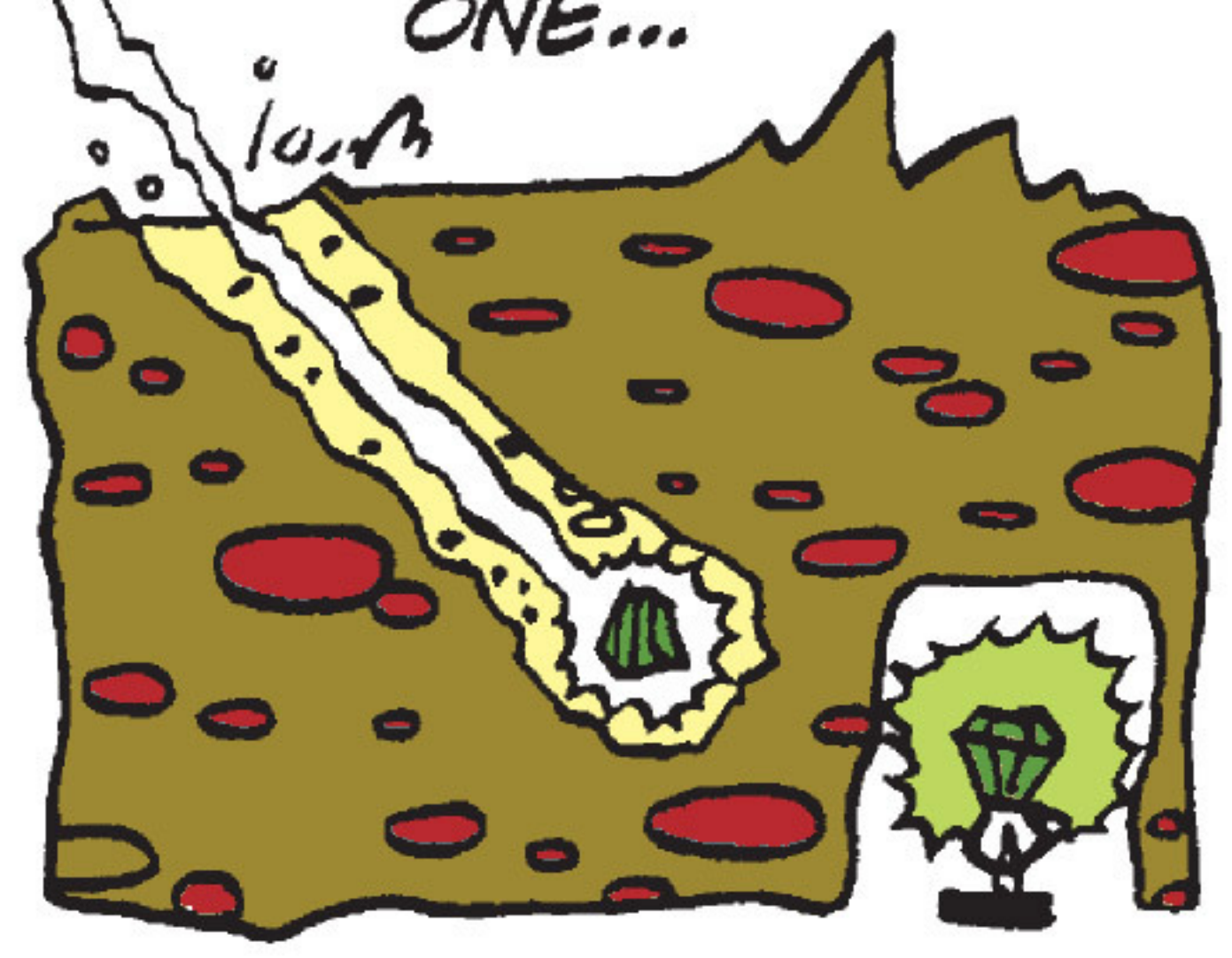
"-- BUT IT'S ONLY HALF A CHAOS EMERALD?



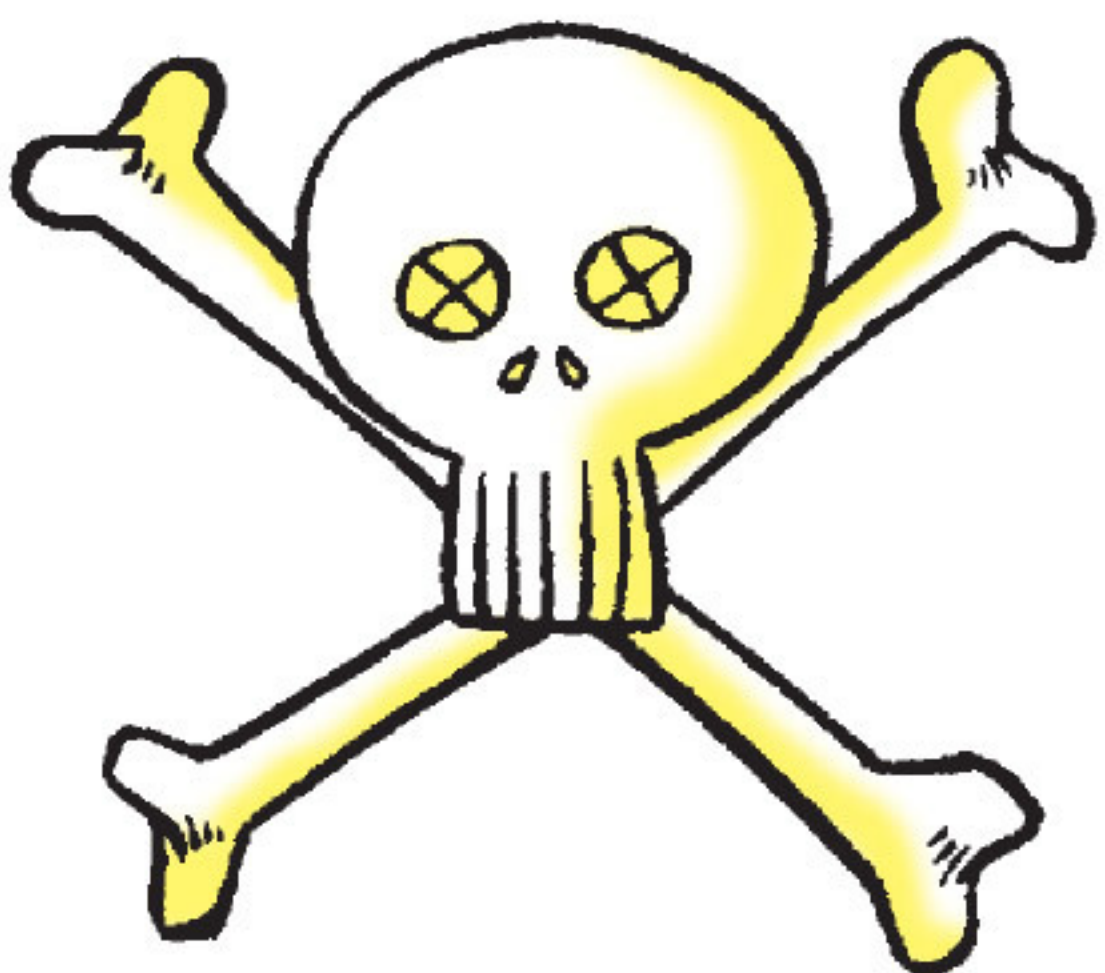
"I SEE... THE TWO GEMS HAVE A MAGNETIC ATTRACTION!



"AND THEY'RE SO POWERFUL THAT THE SHARD WILL TUNNEL THROUGH SOLID ROCK TO JOIN WITH THE WHOLE ONE...

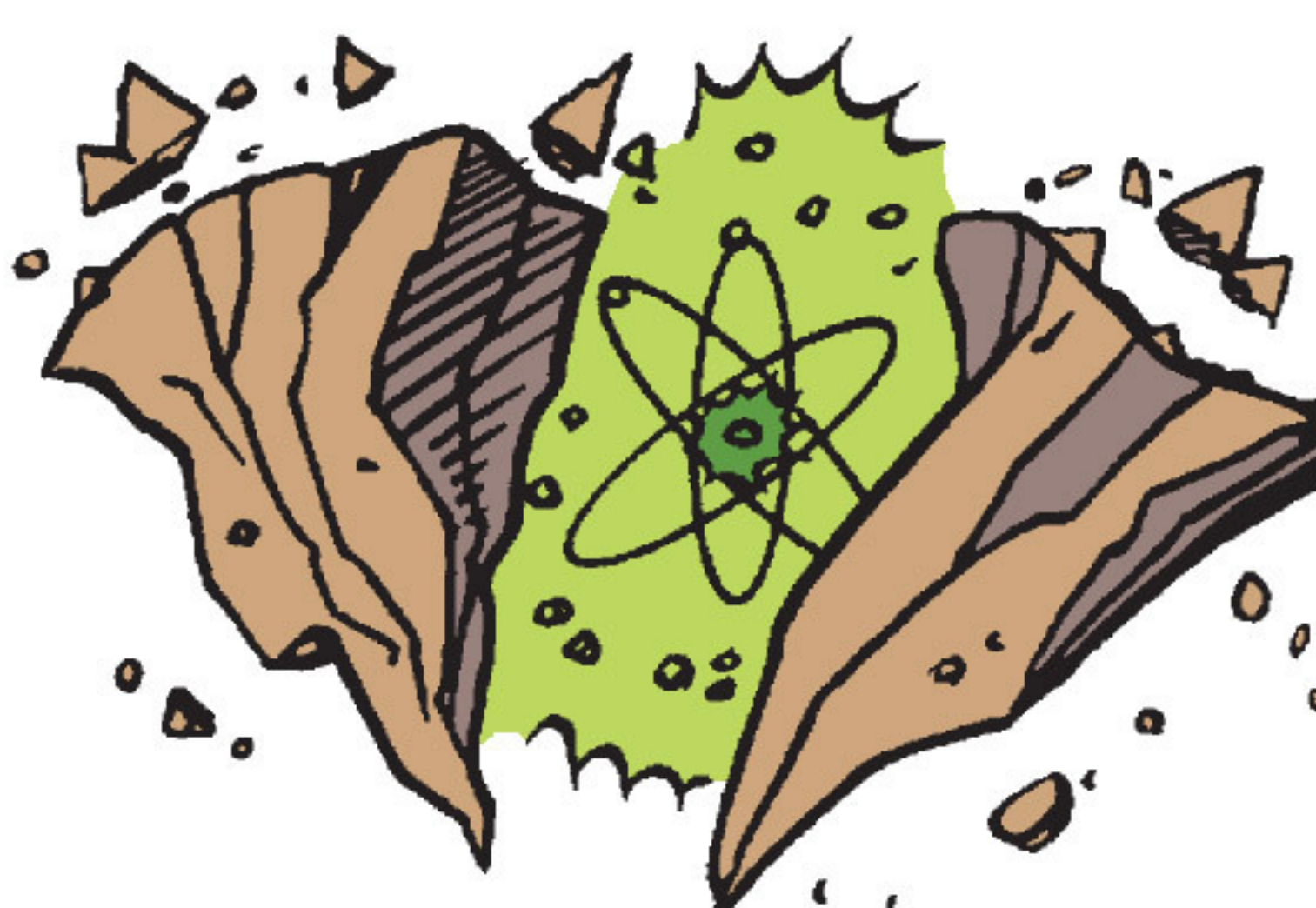


"... BUT BEWARE!

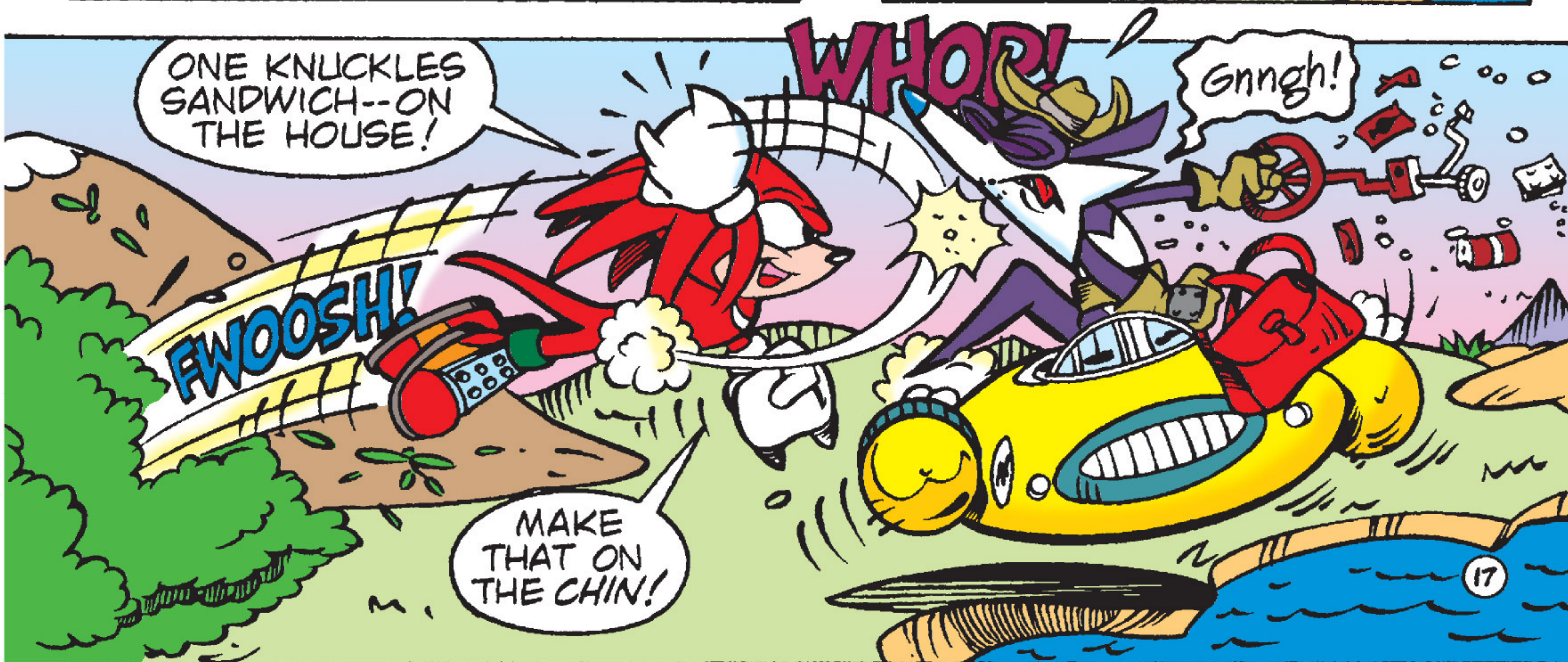
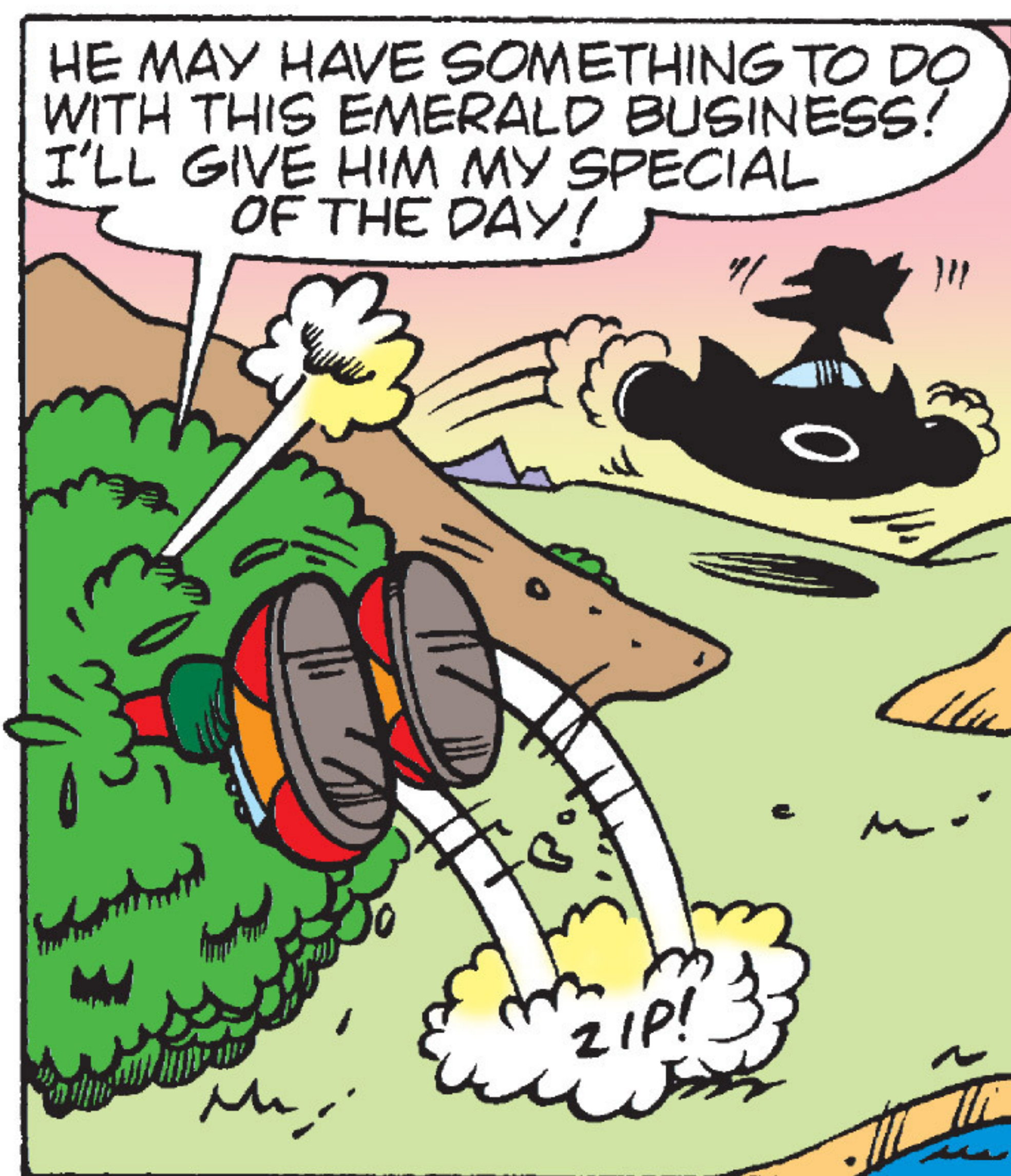
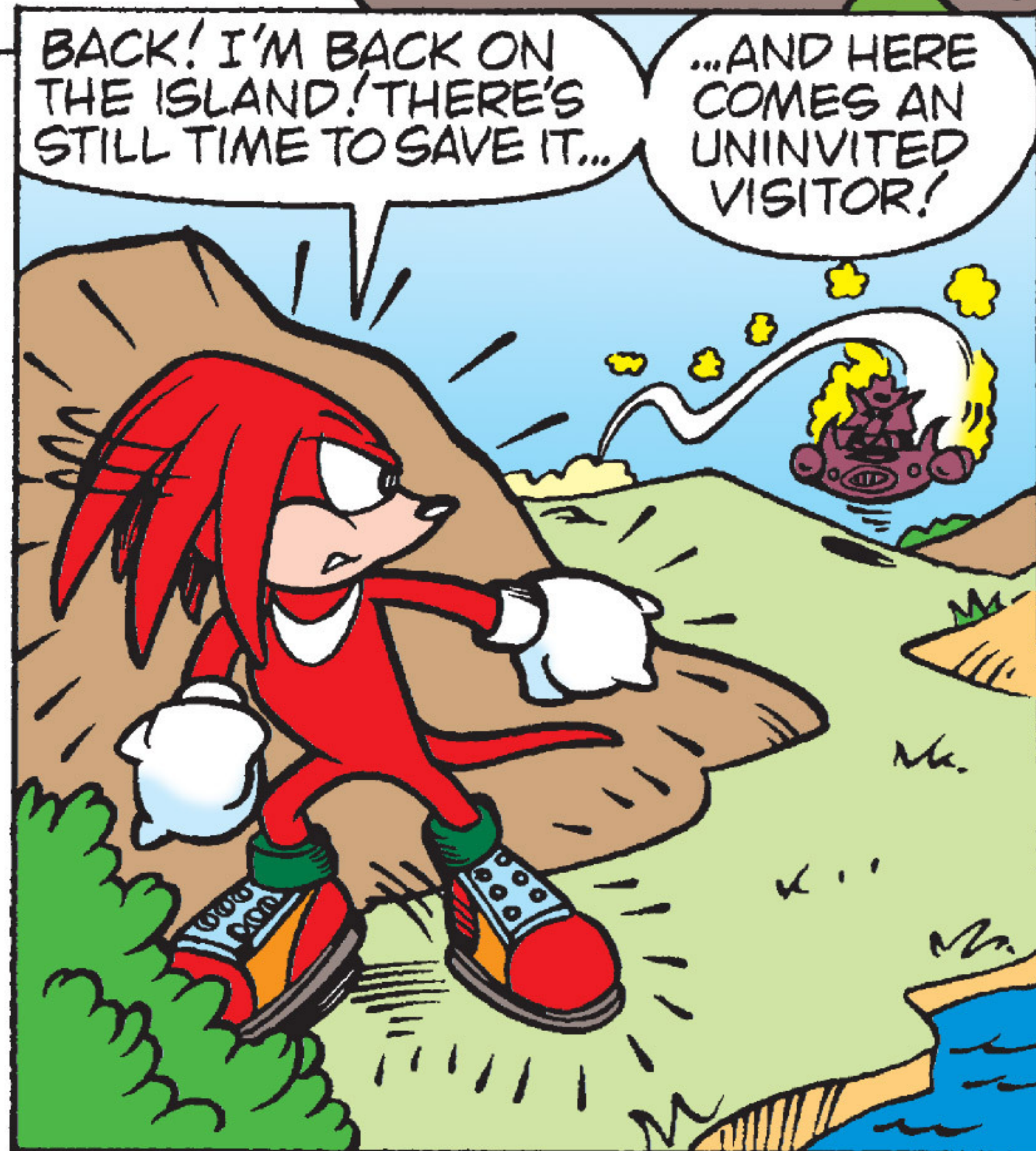
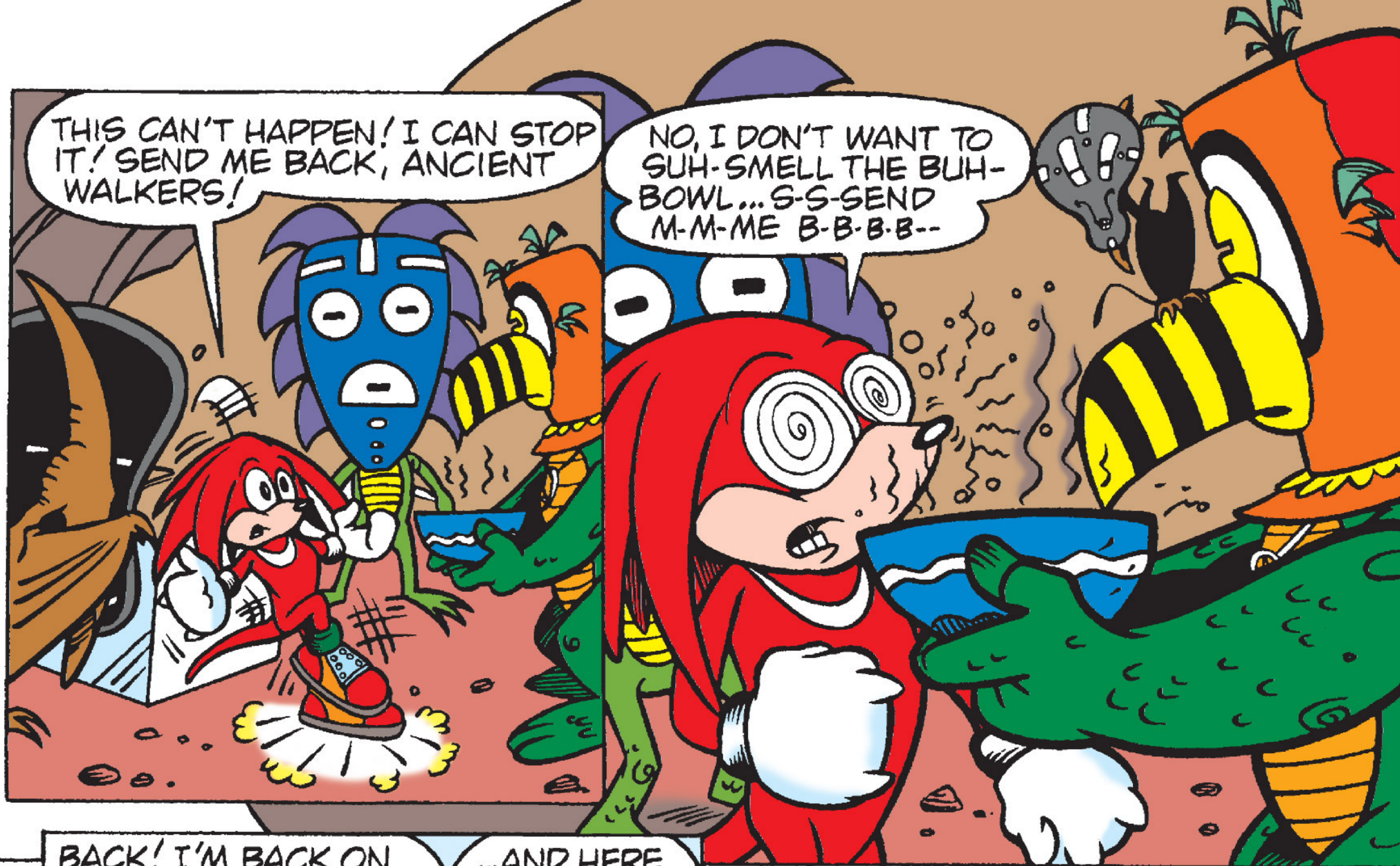


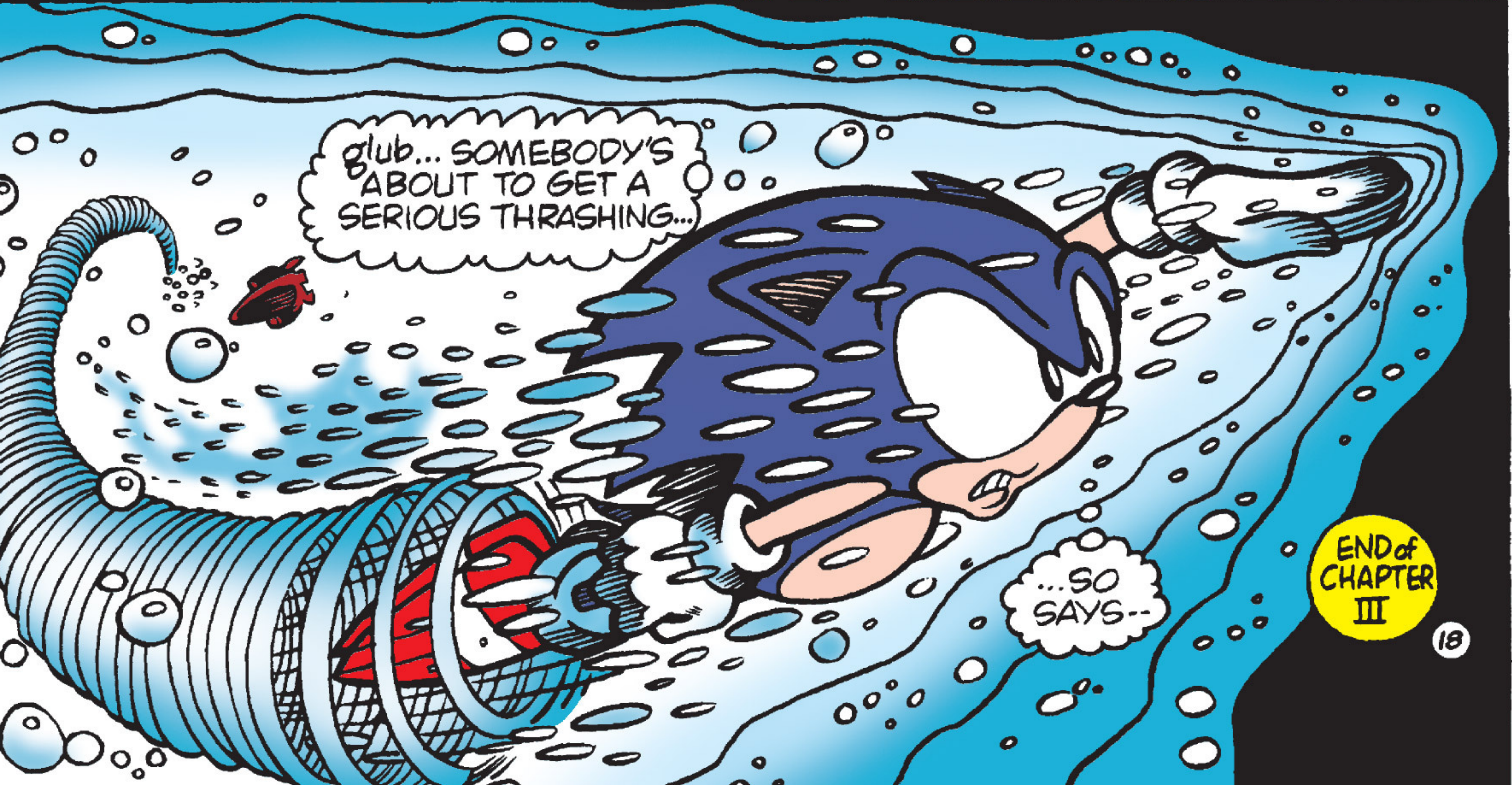
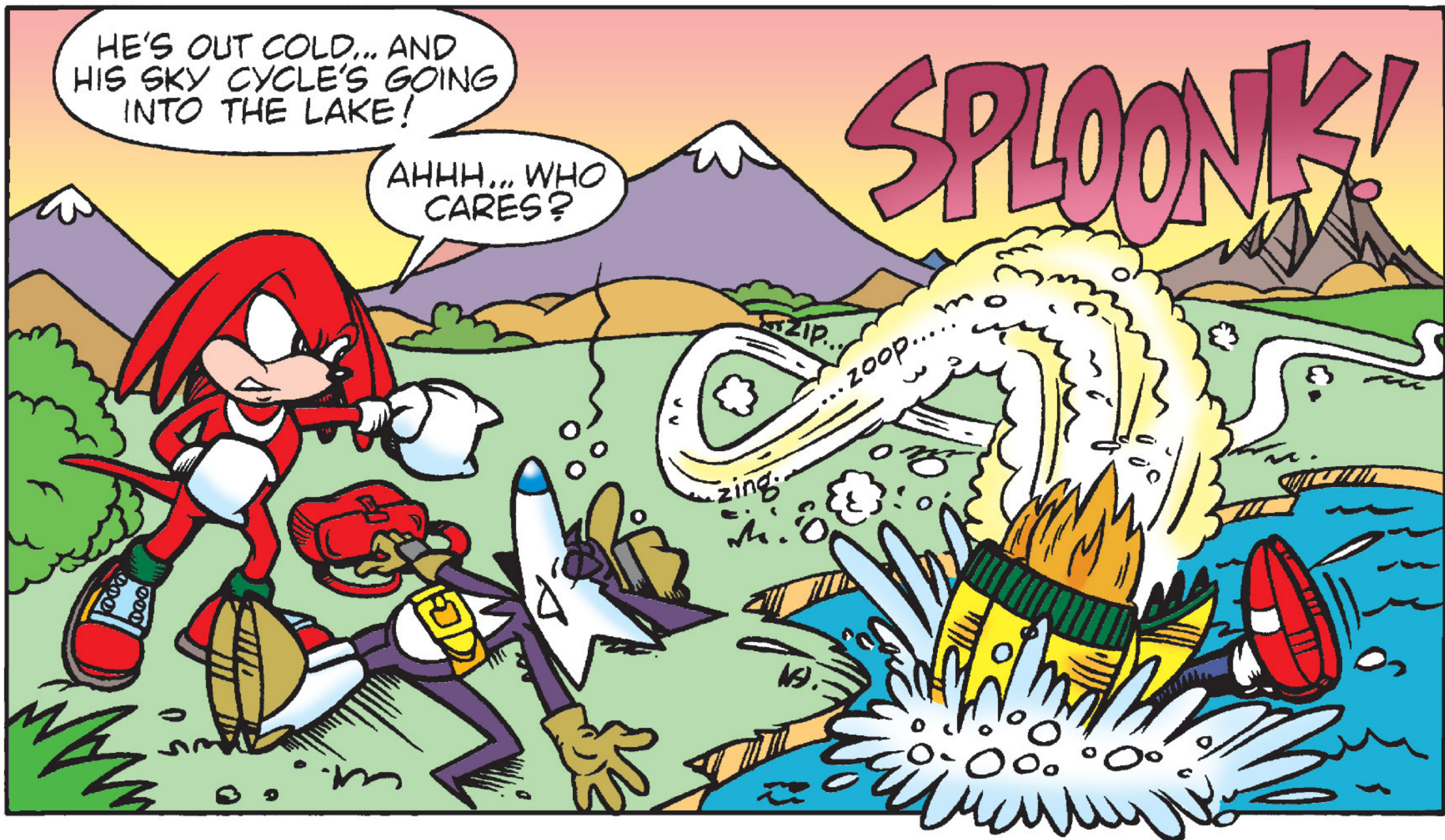
"FOR IF ONE EMERALD SUDDENLY BECOMES ONE AND A HALF...

$$\begin{matrix} \text{Emerald} & + & \text{Shard} & = \\ 1 & & \frac{1}{2} & \end{matrix}$$



"...THE ENERGY IMBALANCE WILL BLOW THE ISLAND TO BITS!" (16)





END of
CHAPTER
III

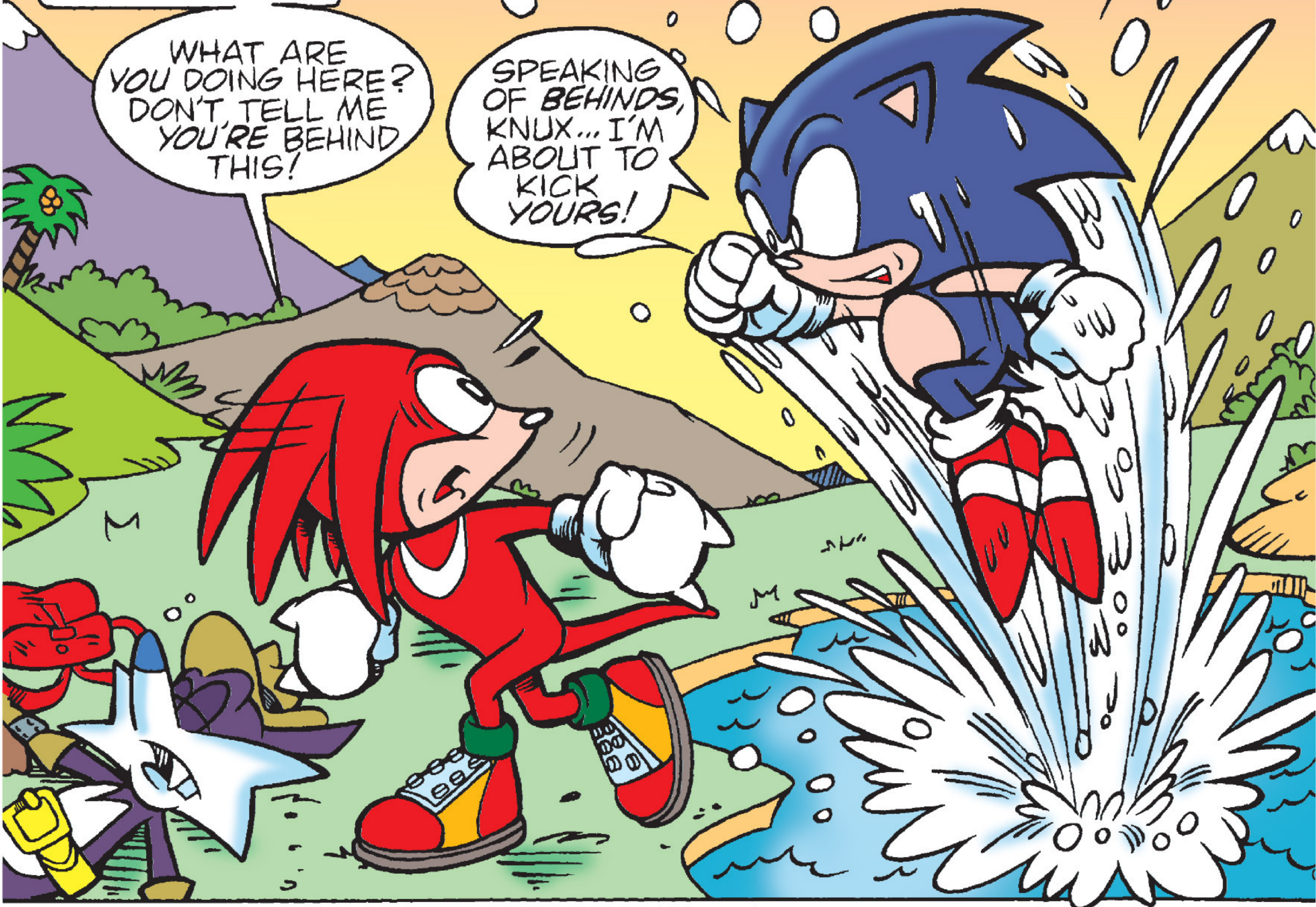
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG™

IN

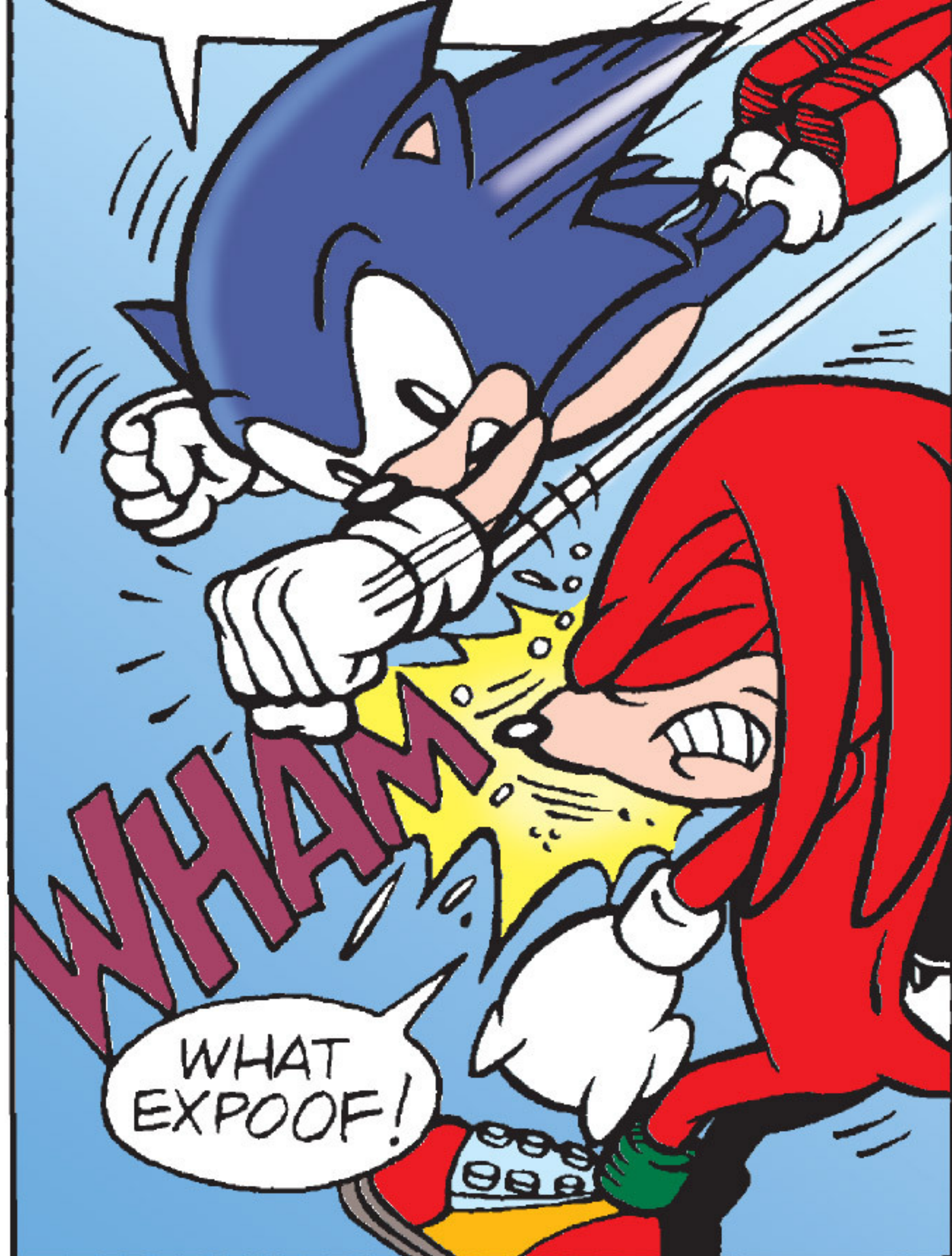
TRIPLE TROUBLE PART IV:
BLUE BLUR vs.
ROUGH & RED!

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING HERE?
DON'T TELL ME
YOU'RE BEHIND
THIS!

SPEAKING
OF BEHINDS,
KNUX... I'M
ABOUT TO
KICK
YOURS!

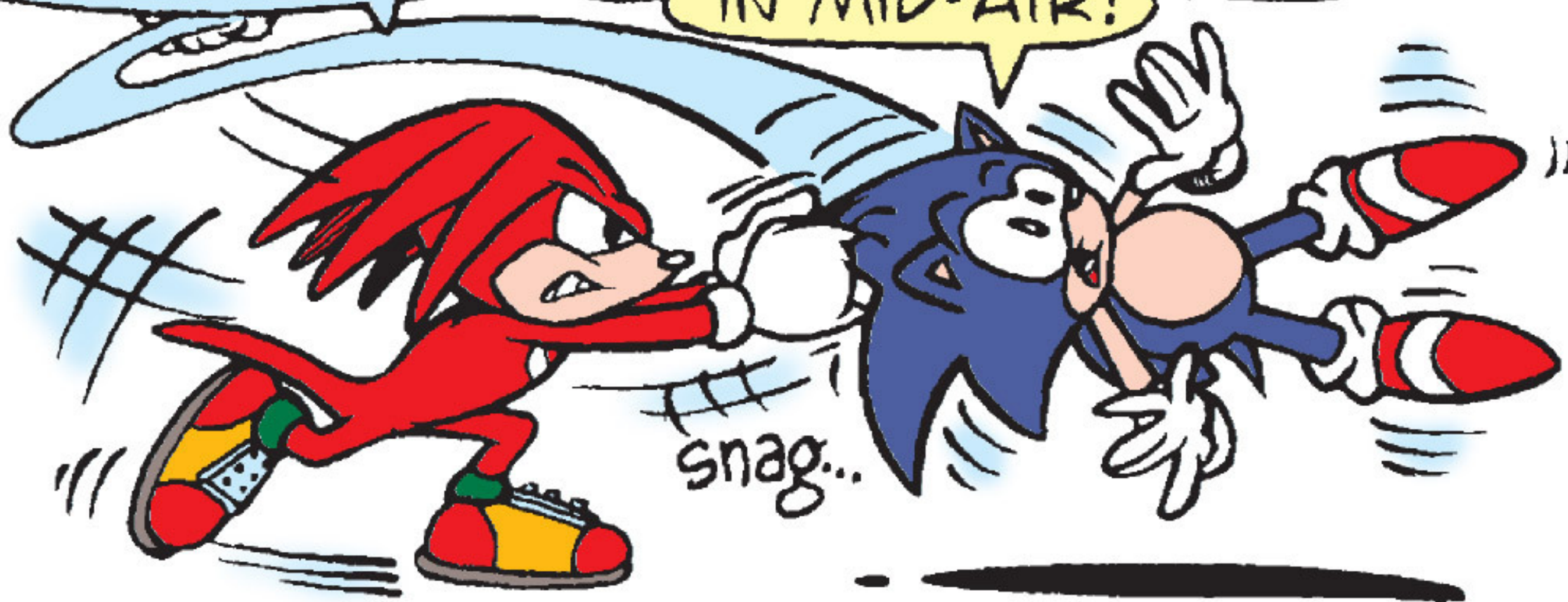


THIS WHOLE EXPERIENCE
HAS LEFT ME CROSS... AND
SPEAKING OF A LEFT CROSS...



LEND ME A FIN.

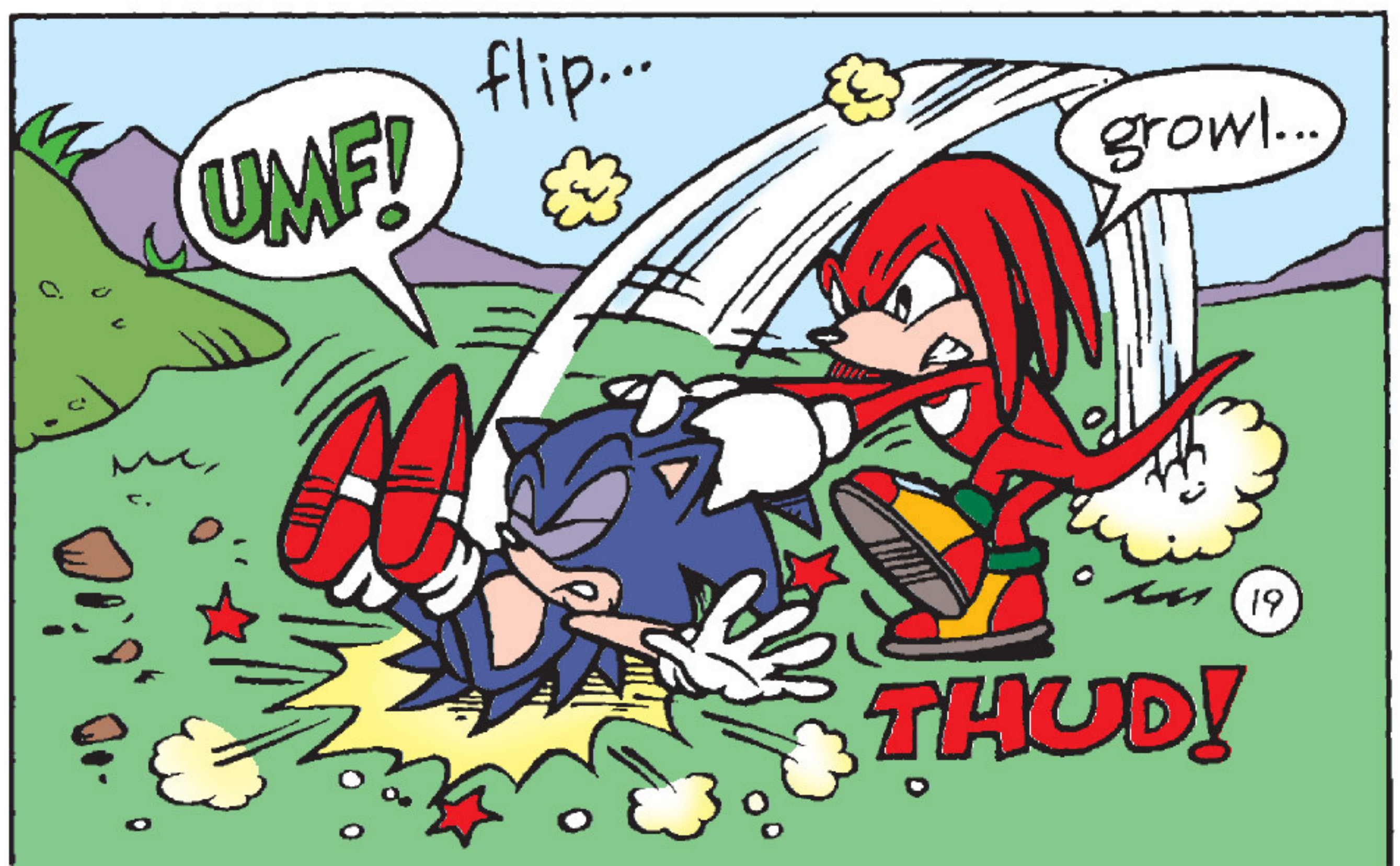
WHOA! HE GRABBED ME
IN MID-AIR!



UMF!

flip...

growl...



THUD!

TASTE THE AGONY OF DE FEET!

KLOP!

Hrrrgh!

THAT DOES IT!
I'M GOING HYPER-KNUCKLES ON YOU!

AM I SUPPOSED TO BE IMPRESSED?

Vwheeee!

Vwheeee!!

NO--YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE CHECKING INTO THE EMERGENCY ROOM!

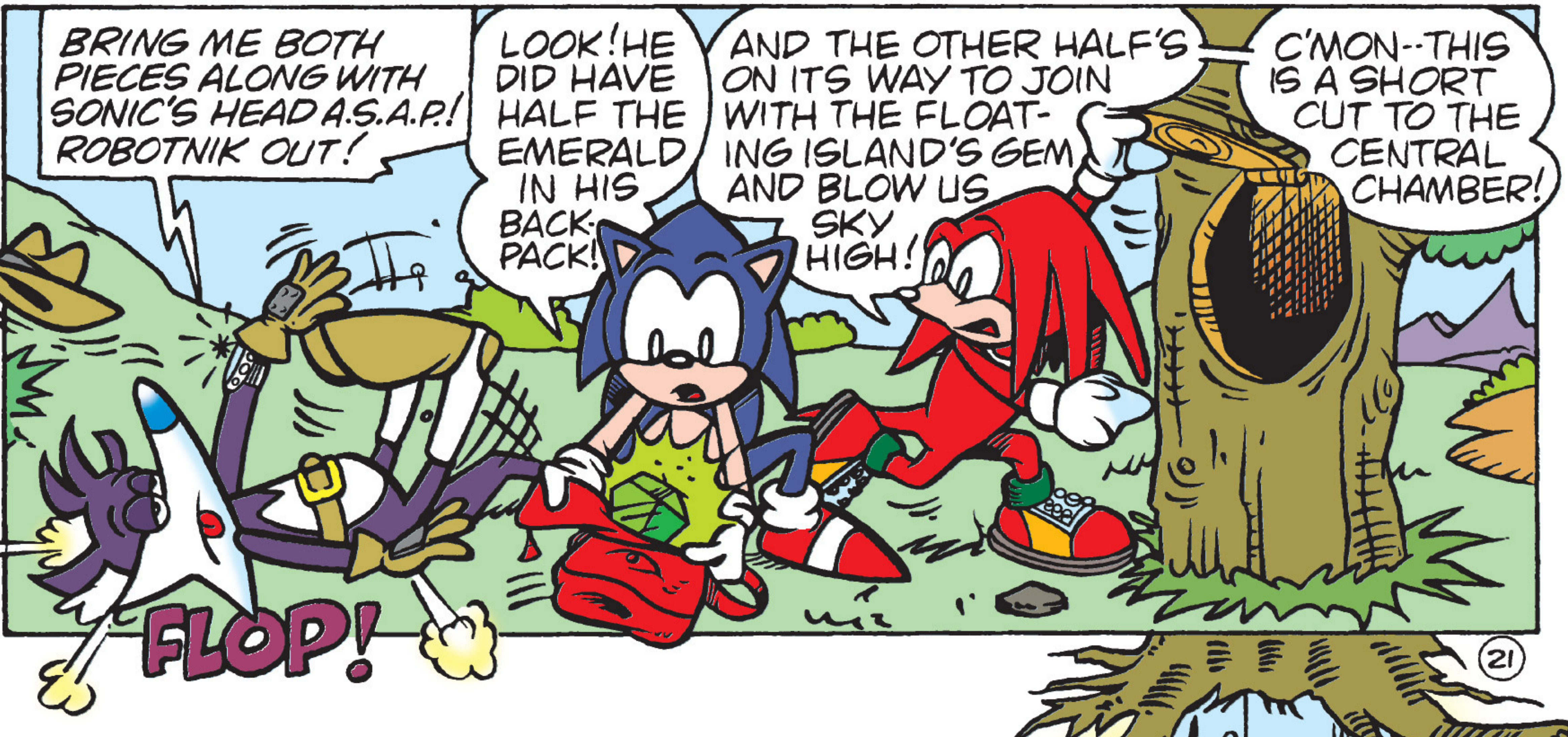
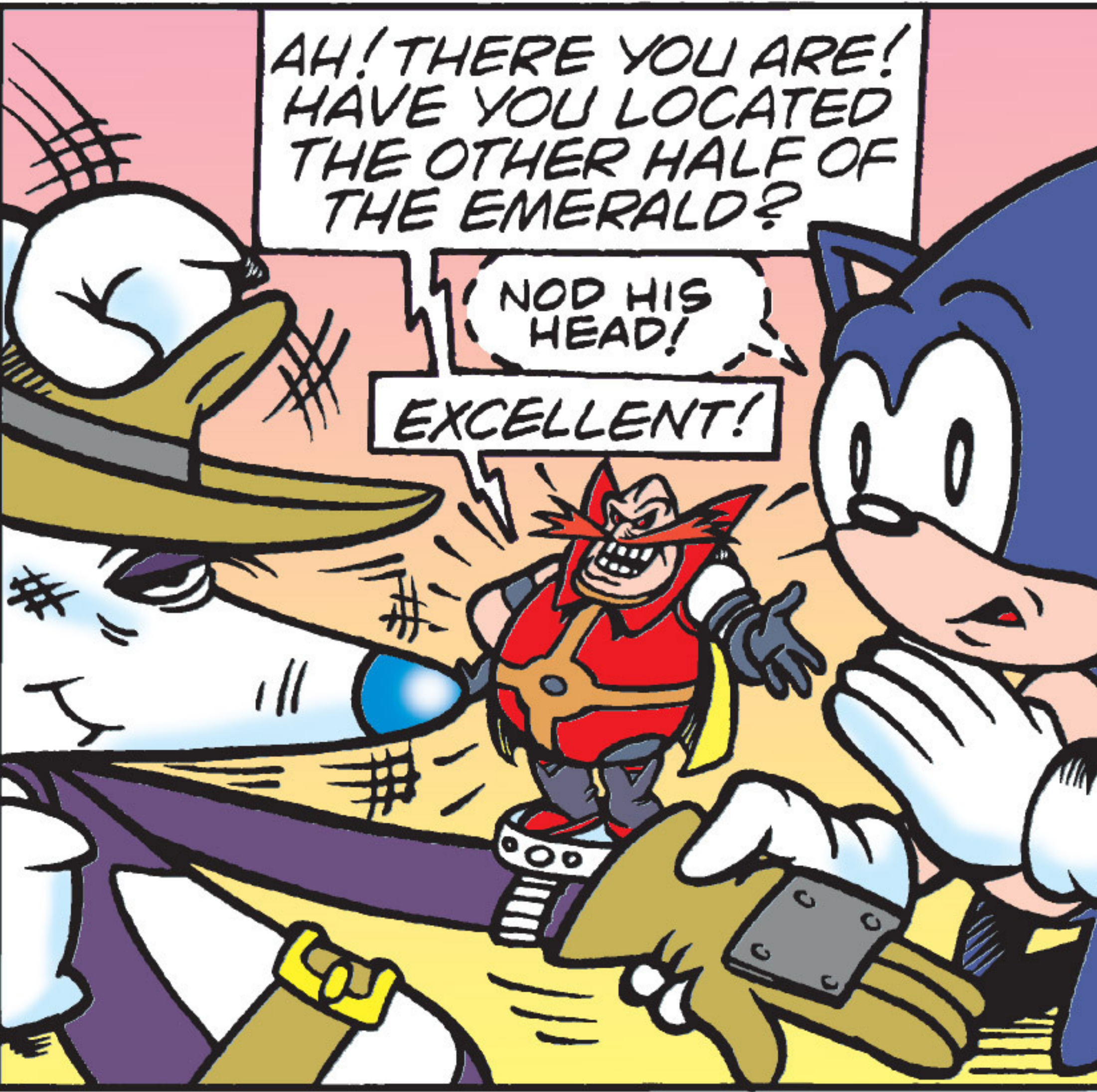
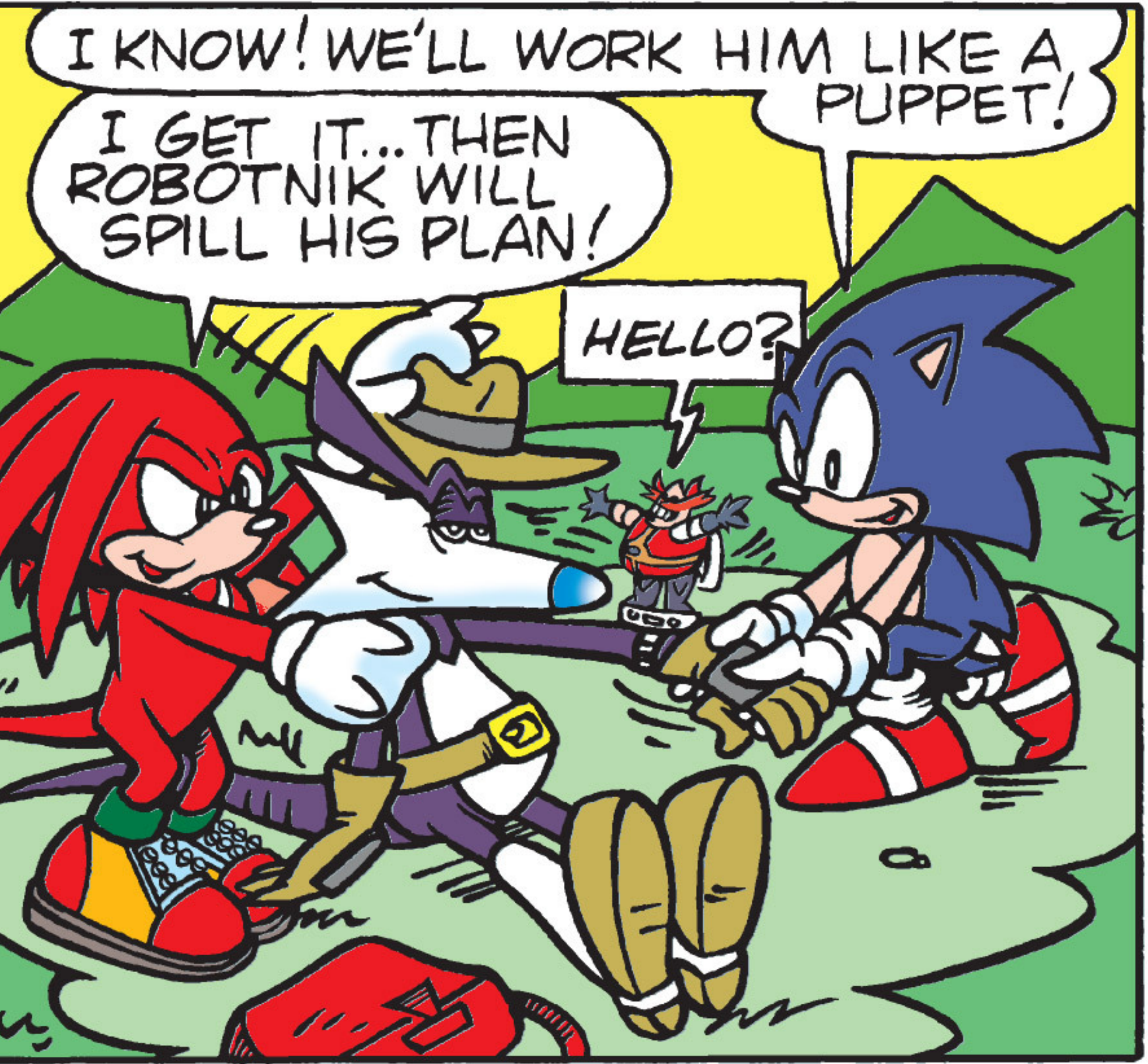
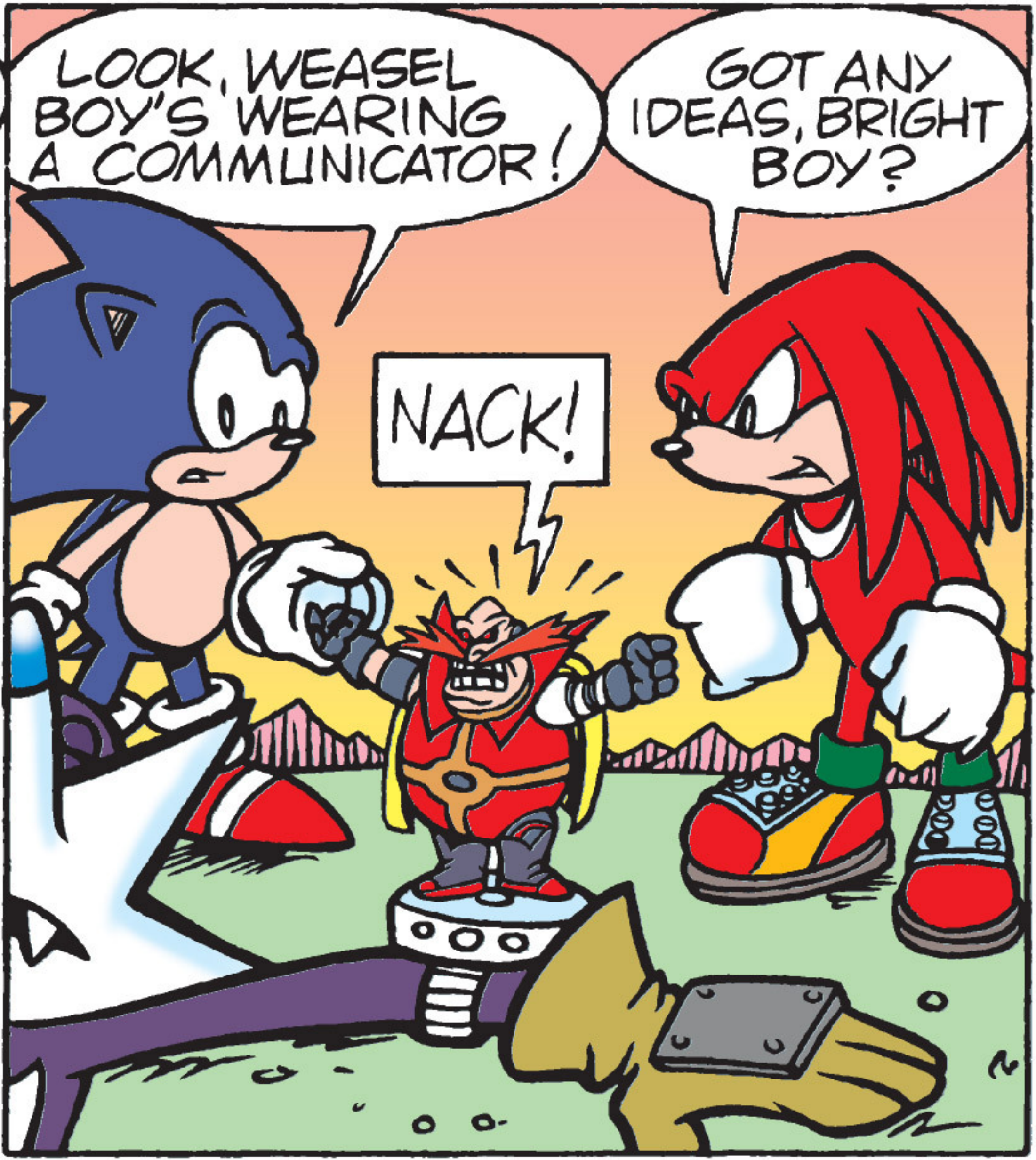
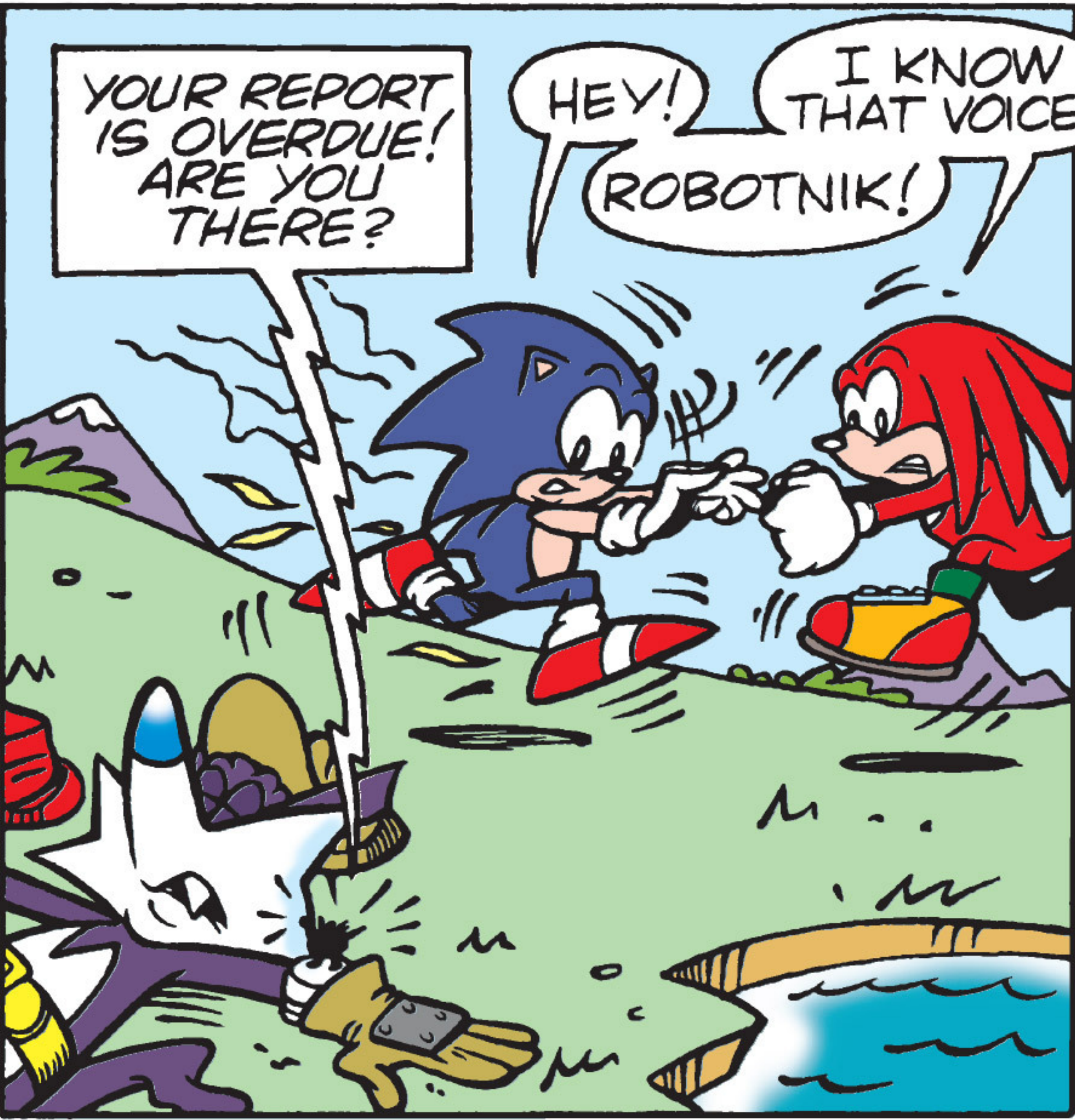
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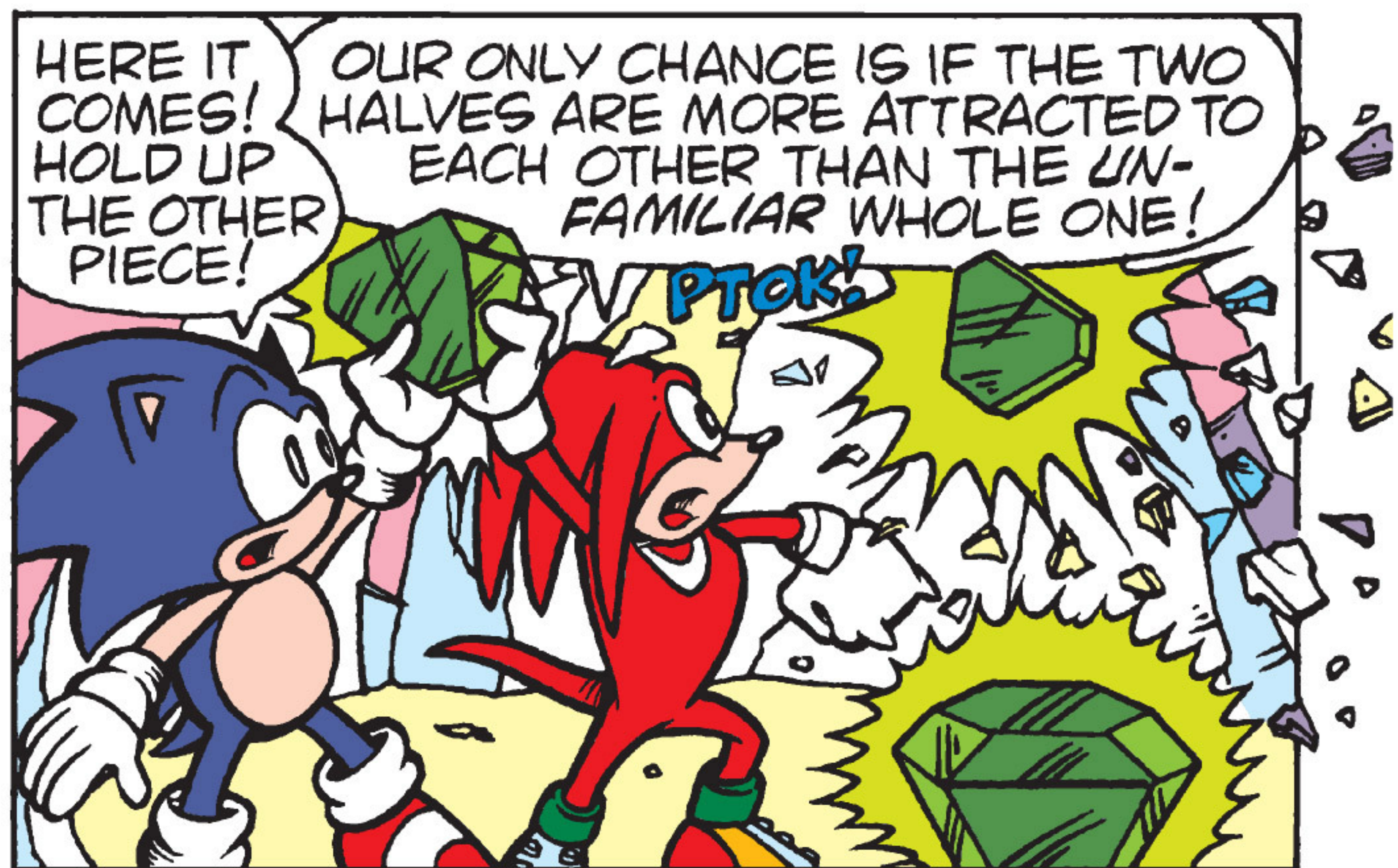
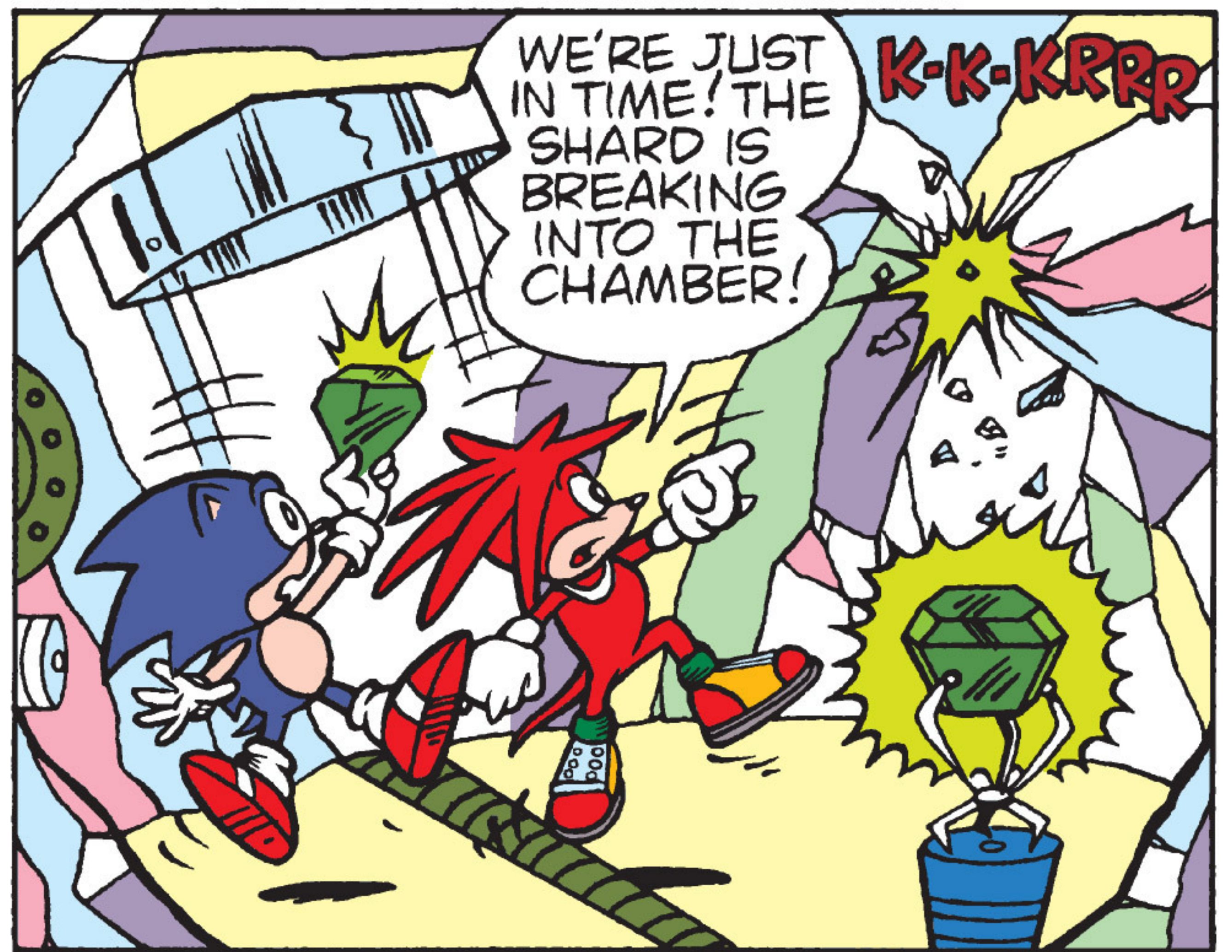
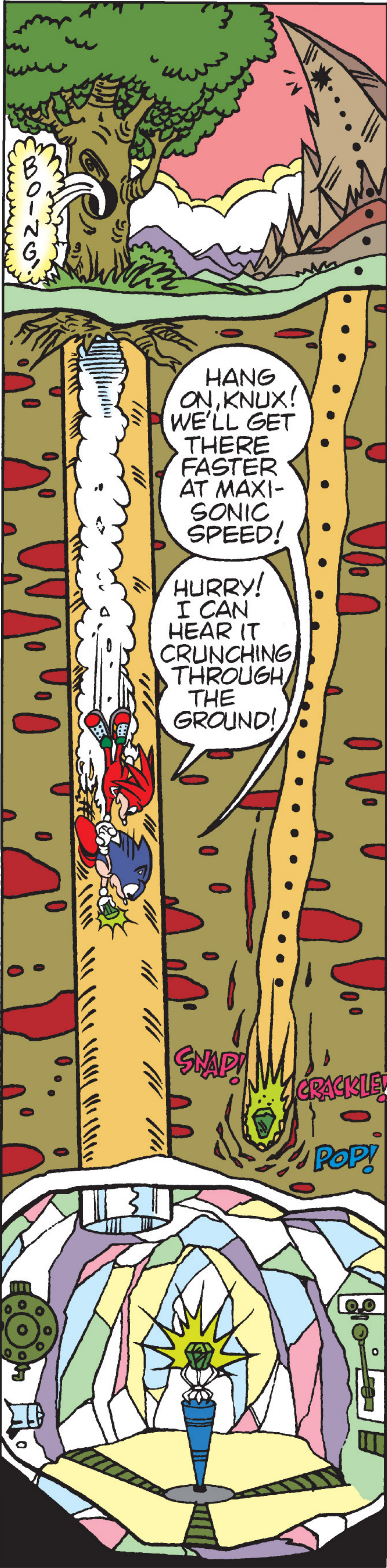
Urk...

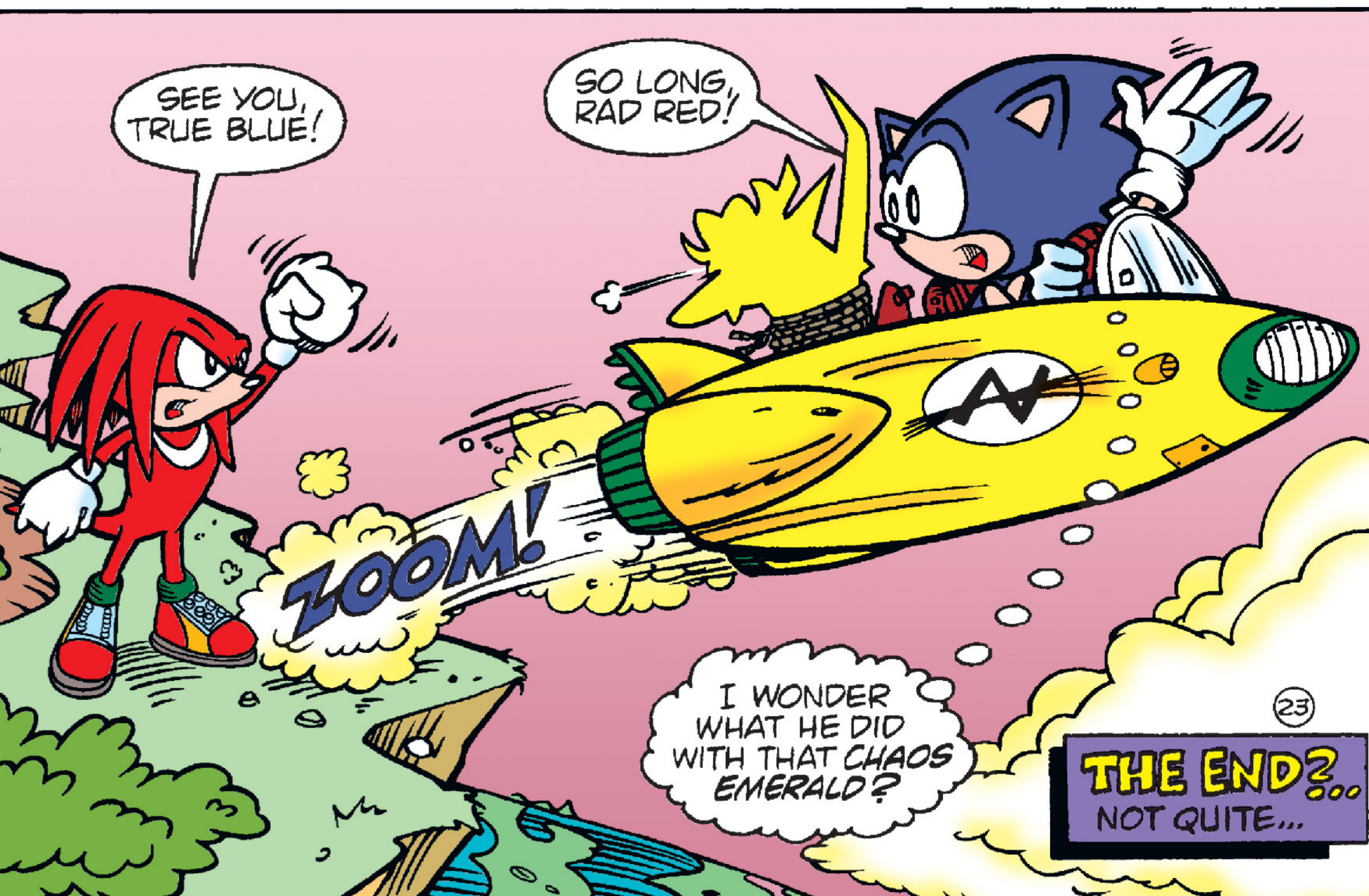
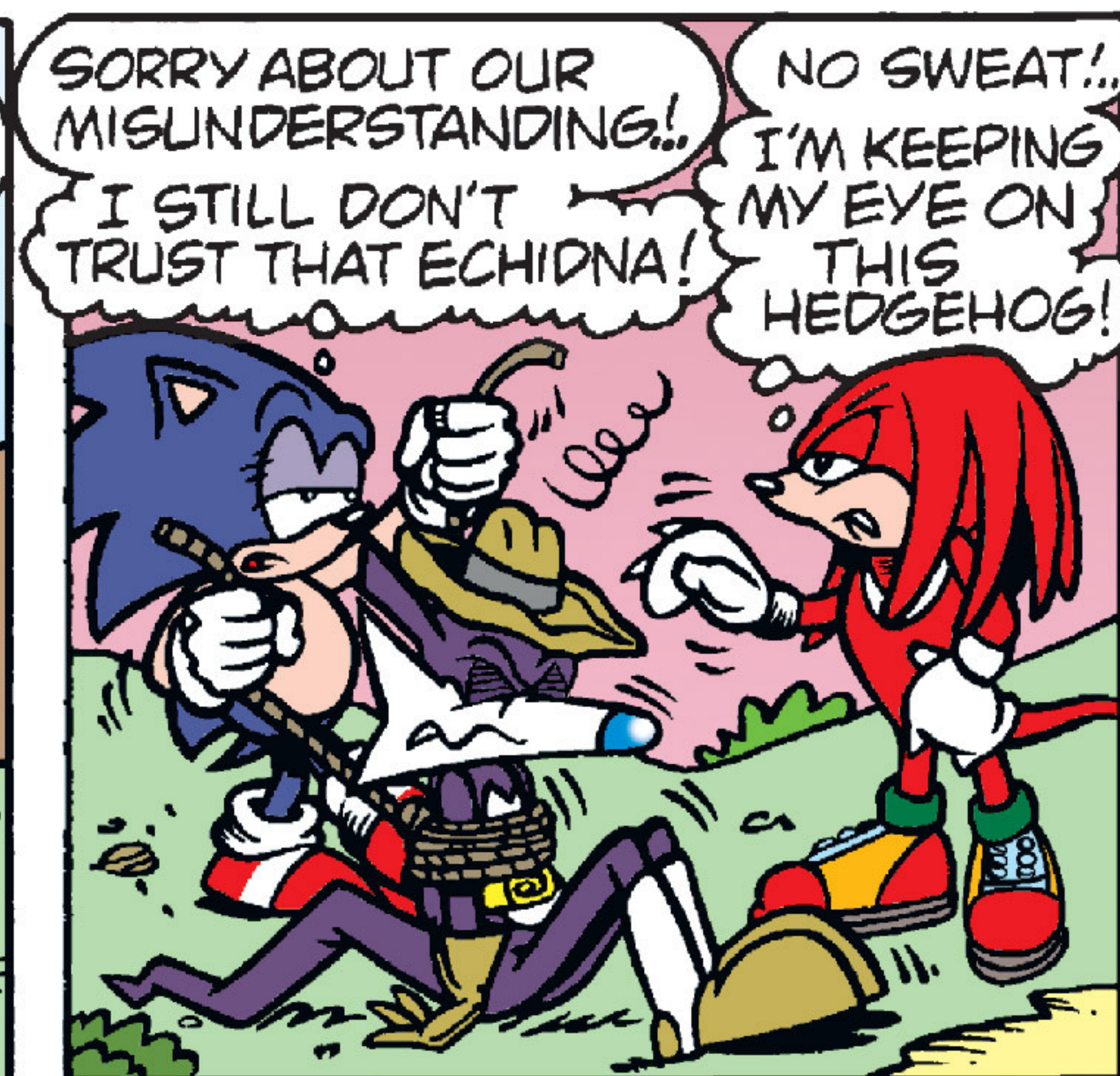
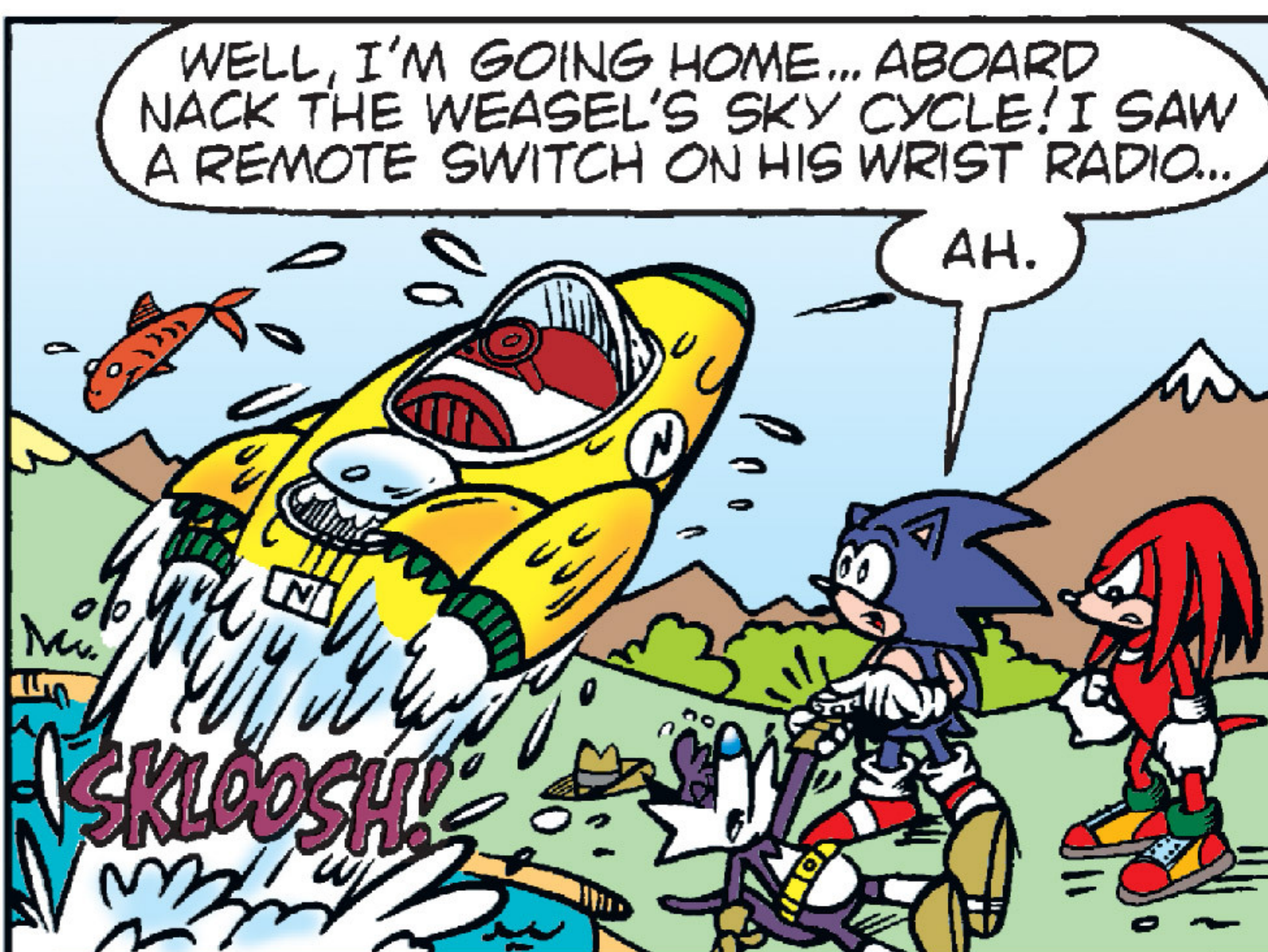
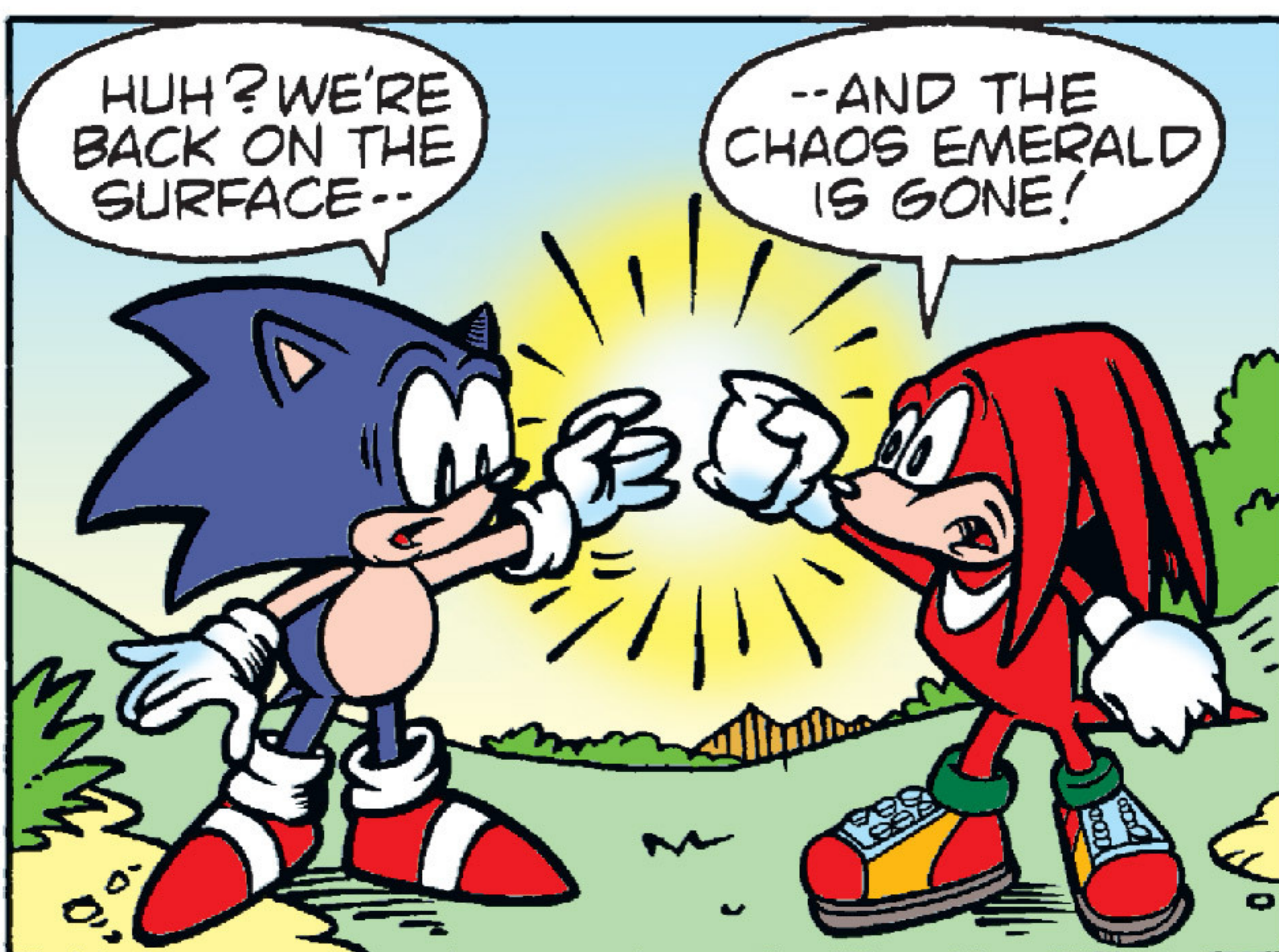
YOU'RE DEAD, RED MEAT!

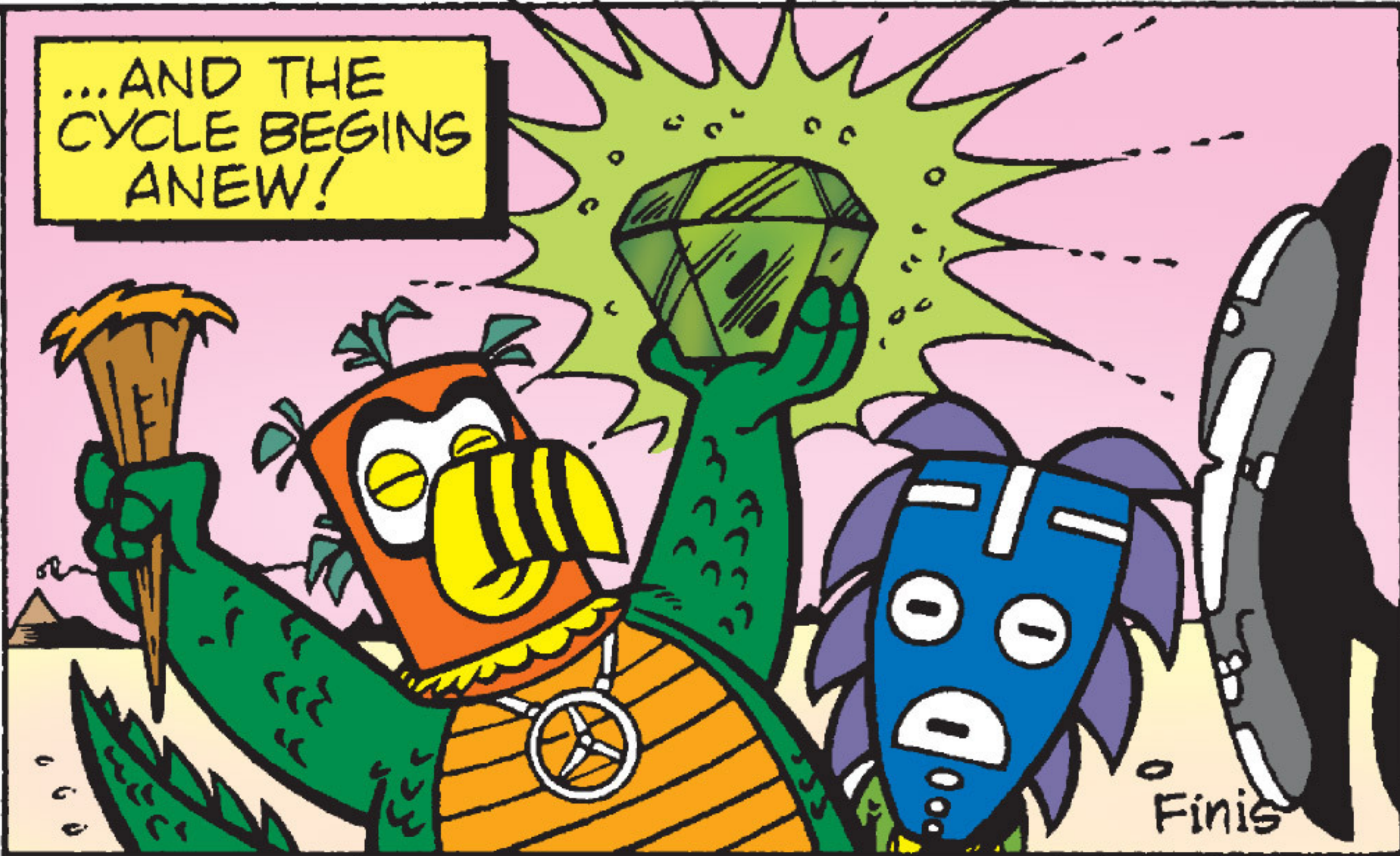
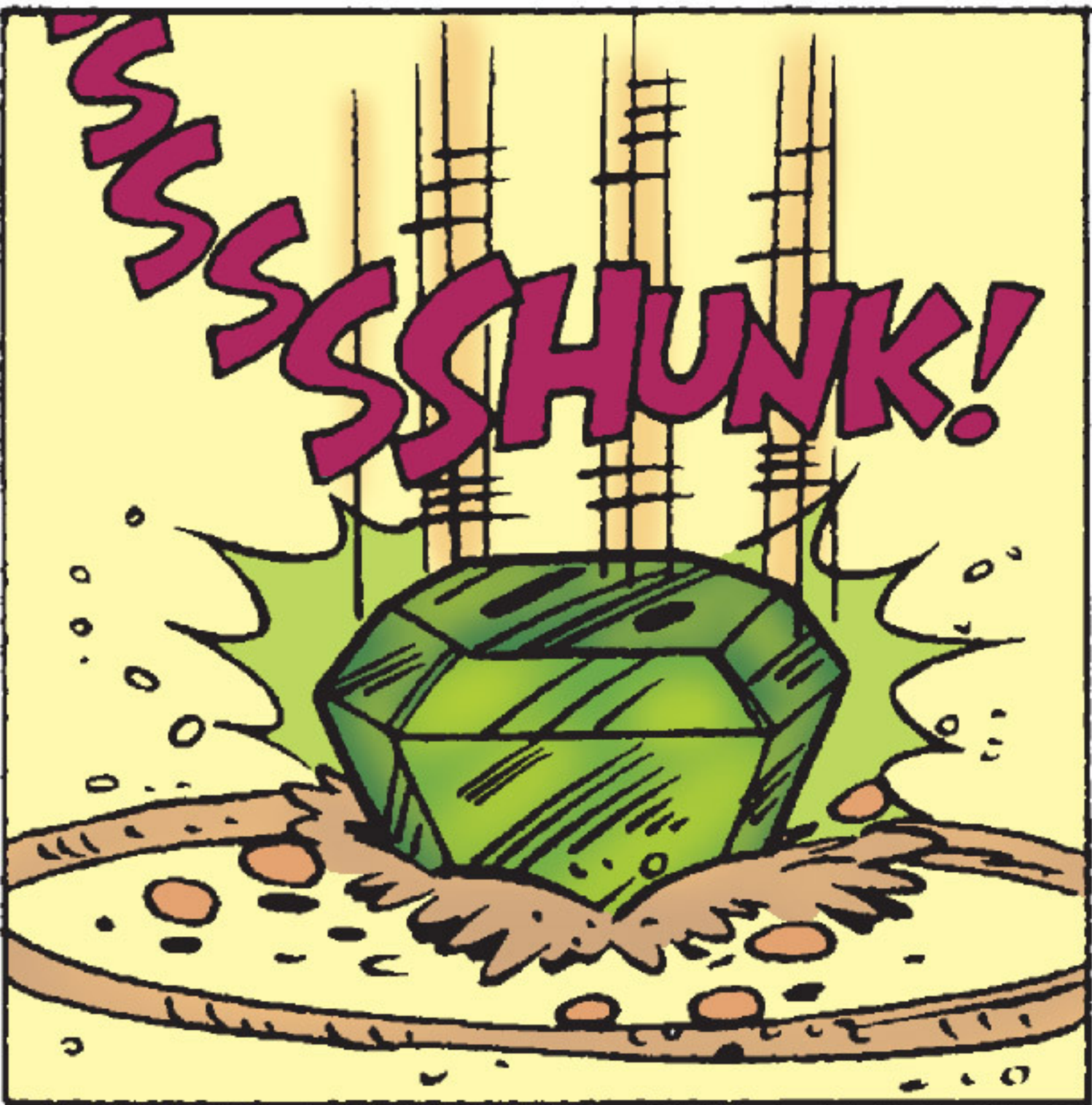
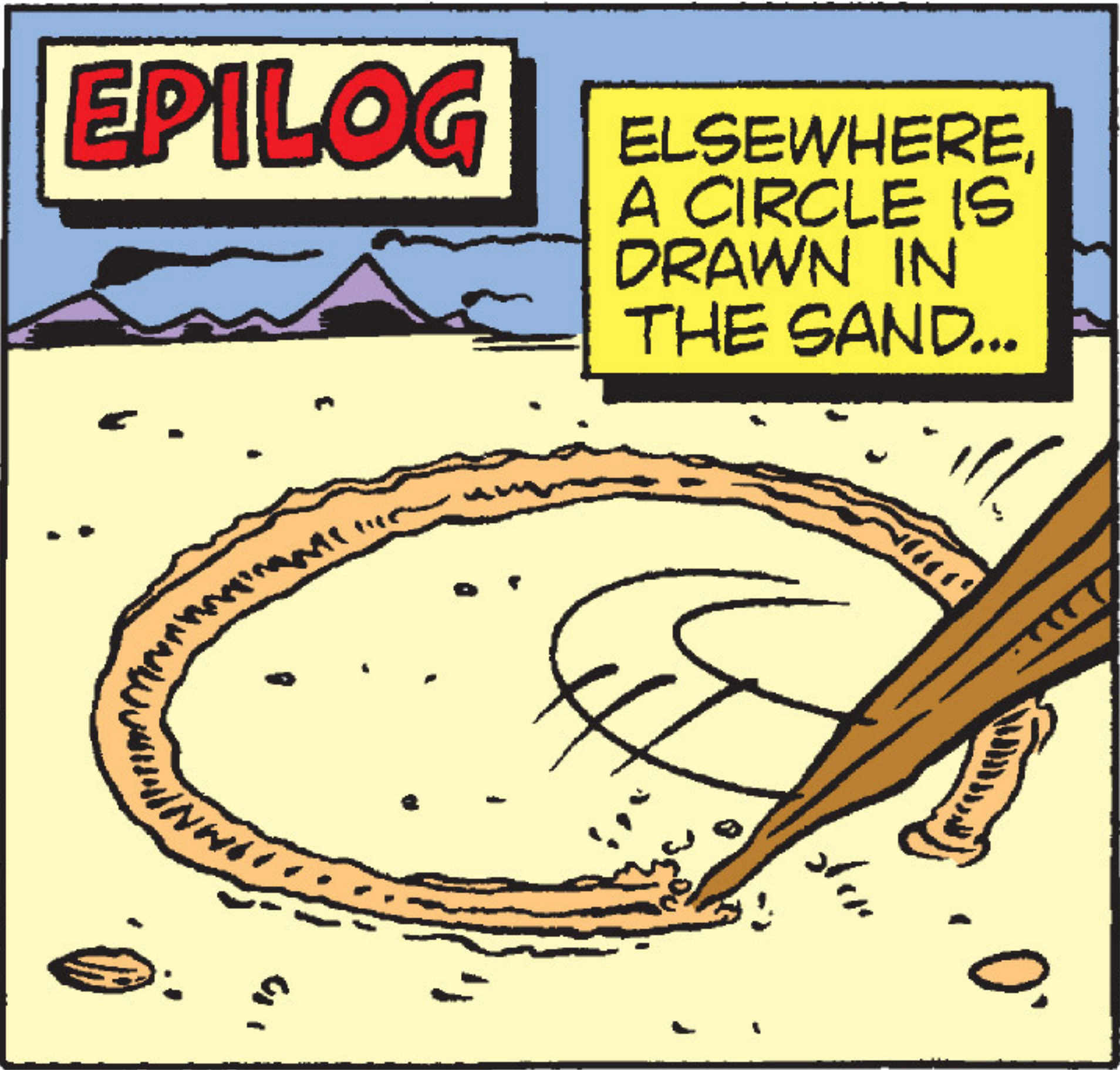
SEZ YOU, BLUE!

CALLING NACK THE WEASEL...
COME IN!









TAILS

IN A
SOLO
STORY:

"SUBMERSIBLE REHEARSAL"

CHECK IT OUT! I FINISHED
YOUR SUBMARINE *
"THE SEA FOX"!

OH, WOW!
IT'S WAY PAST
RADICOOOL!

THANKS,
ROTOR!

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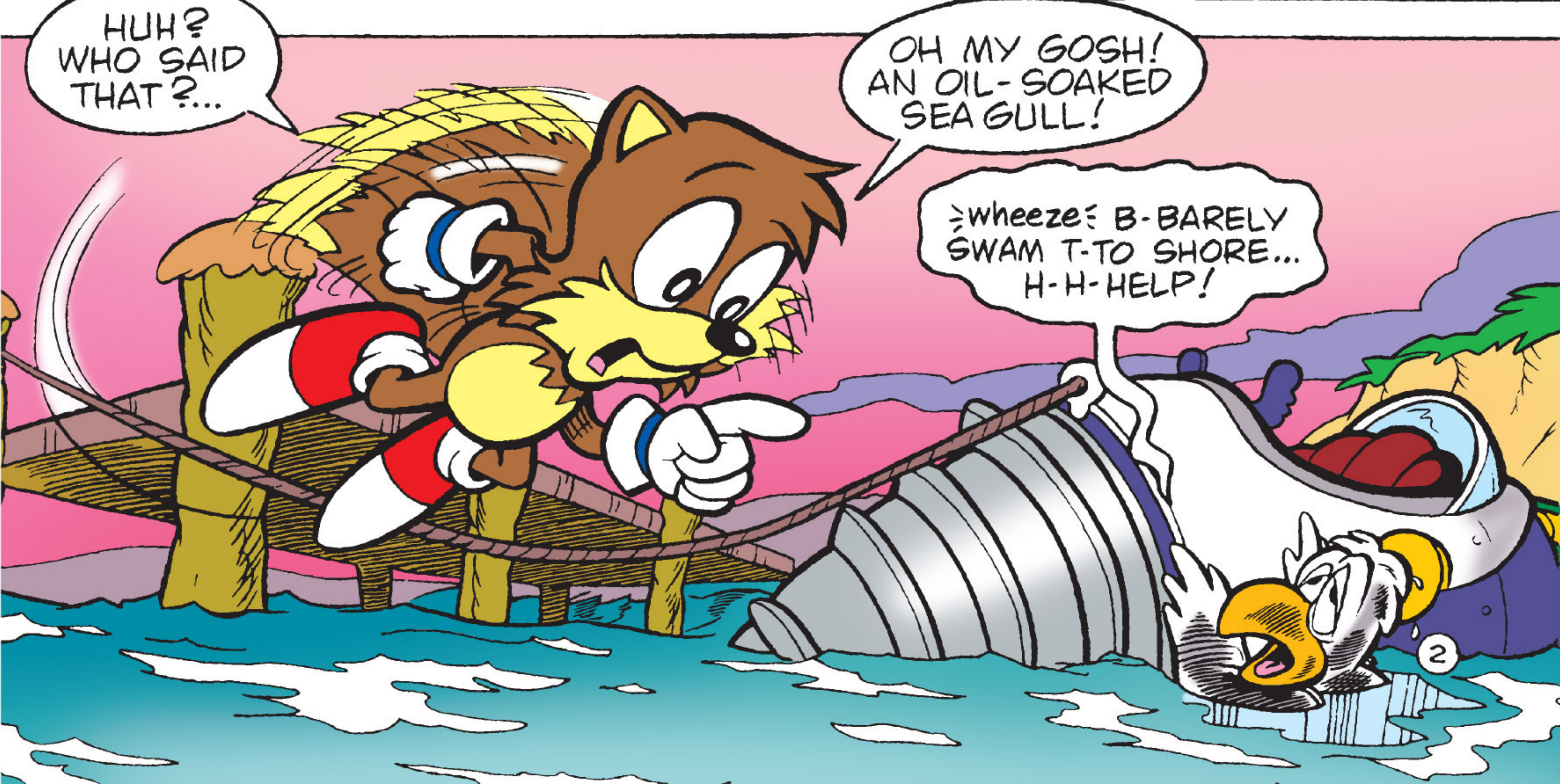
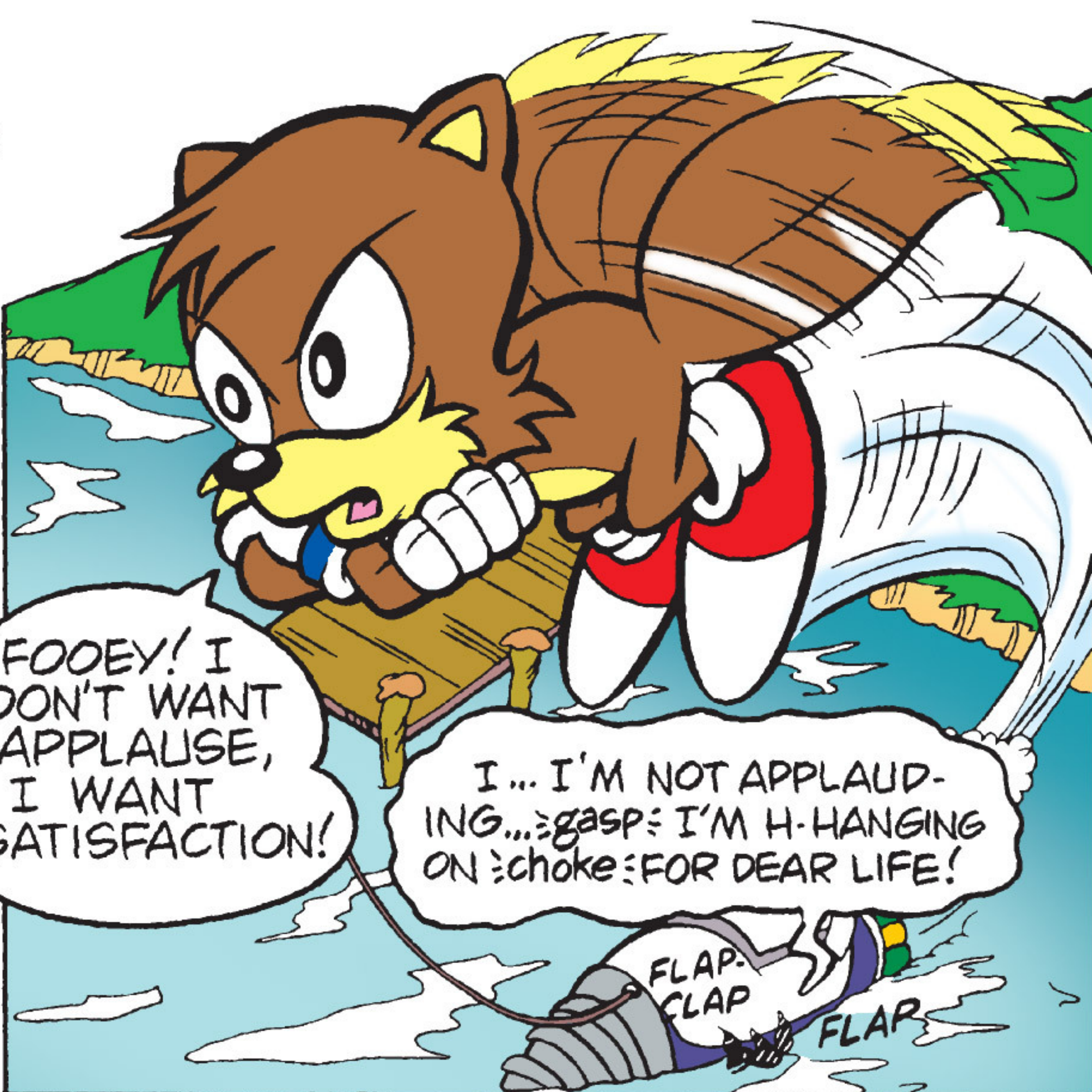
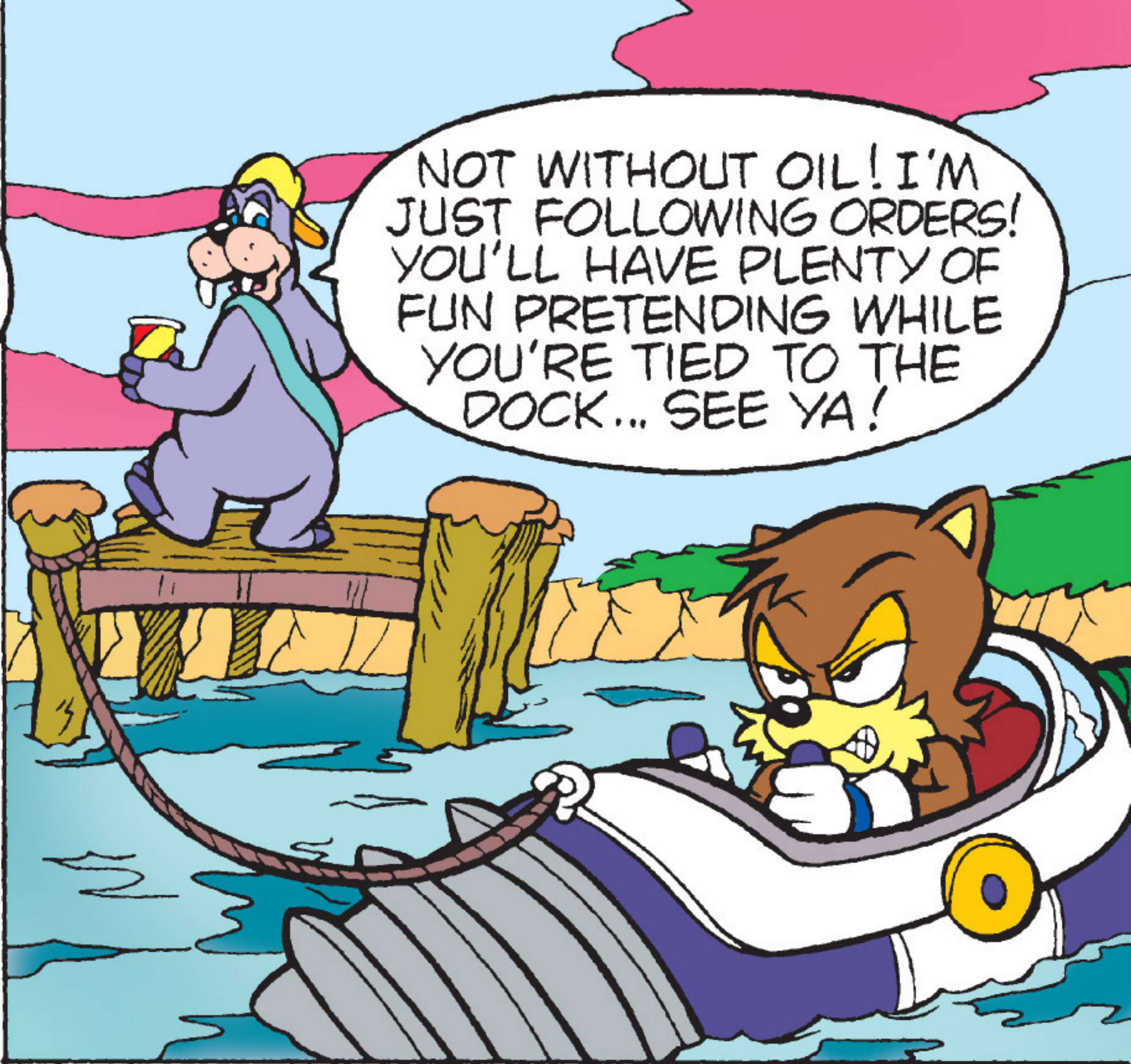
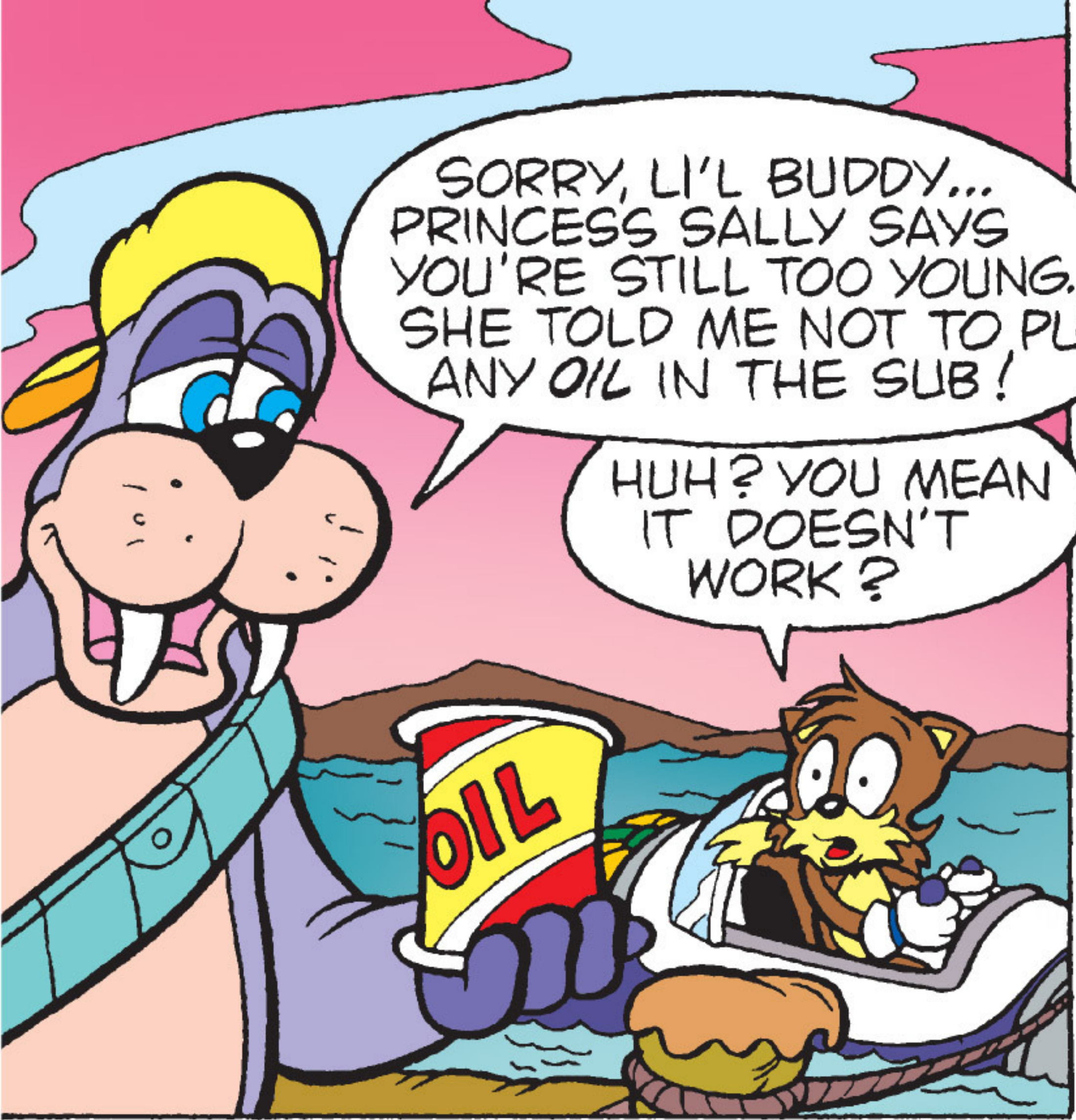
YOU'VE BEEN WANTING ONE SINCE WE RODE
IN MY BATHYSPHERE WAY BACK WHEN! ** THIS
MODEL'S GOT A LOT OF NEW FEATURES!

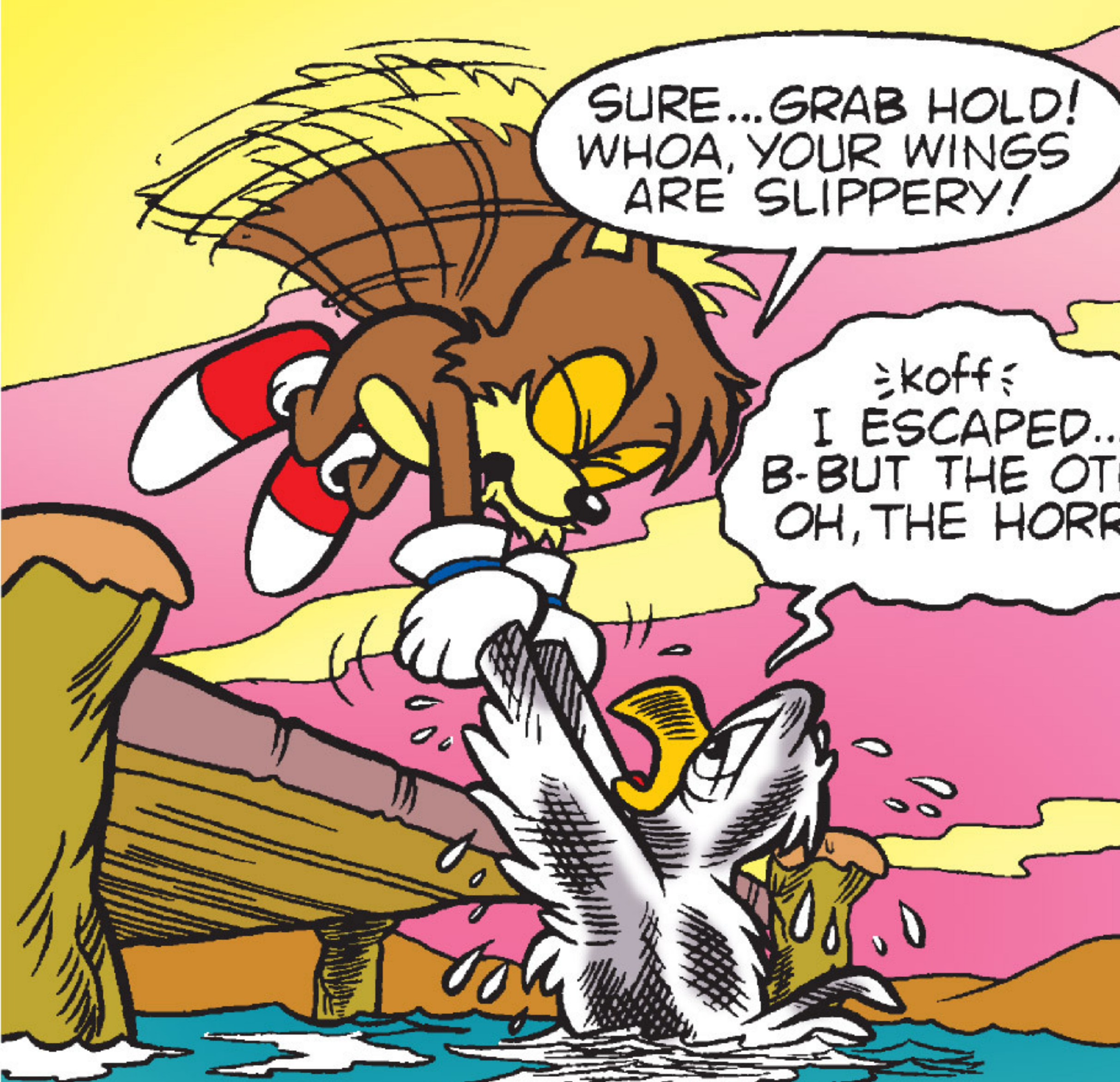
PLUNK!

EXCELLENT! I'M
GONNA FIRE IT UP
AND SEE WHAT THIS
BABY CAN DO!

** DIG THROUGH YOUR BACK ISSUES
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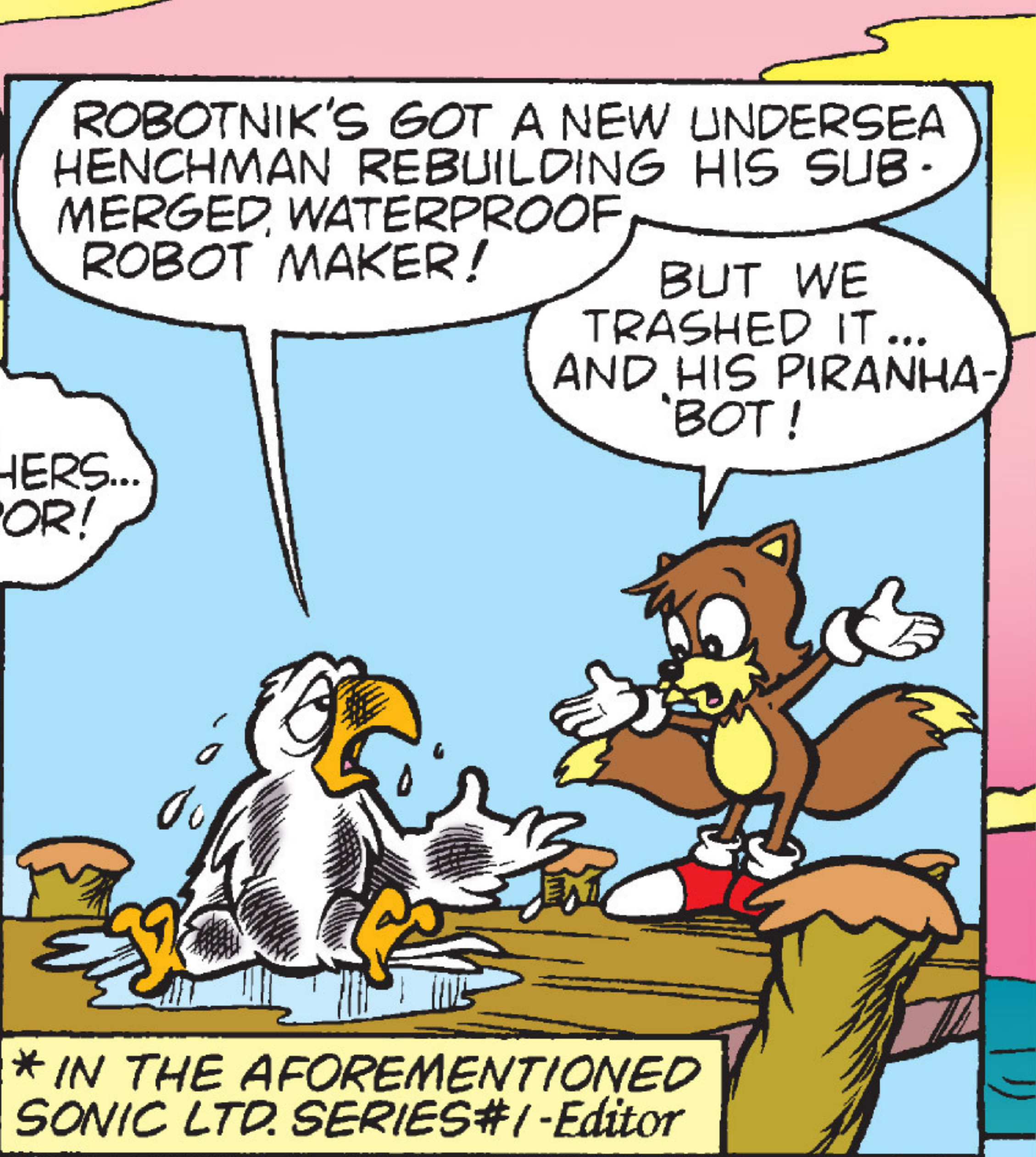
SPLOOP!





SURE...GRAB HOLD!
WHOA, YOUR WINGS
ARE SLIPPERY!

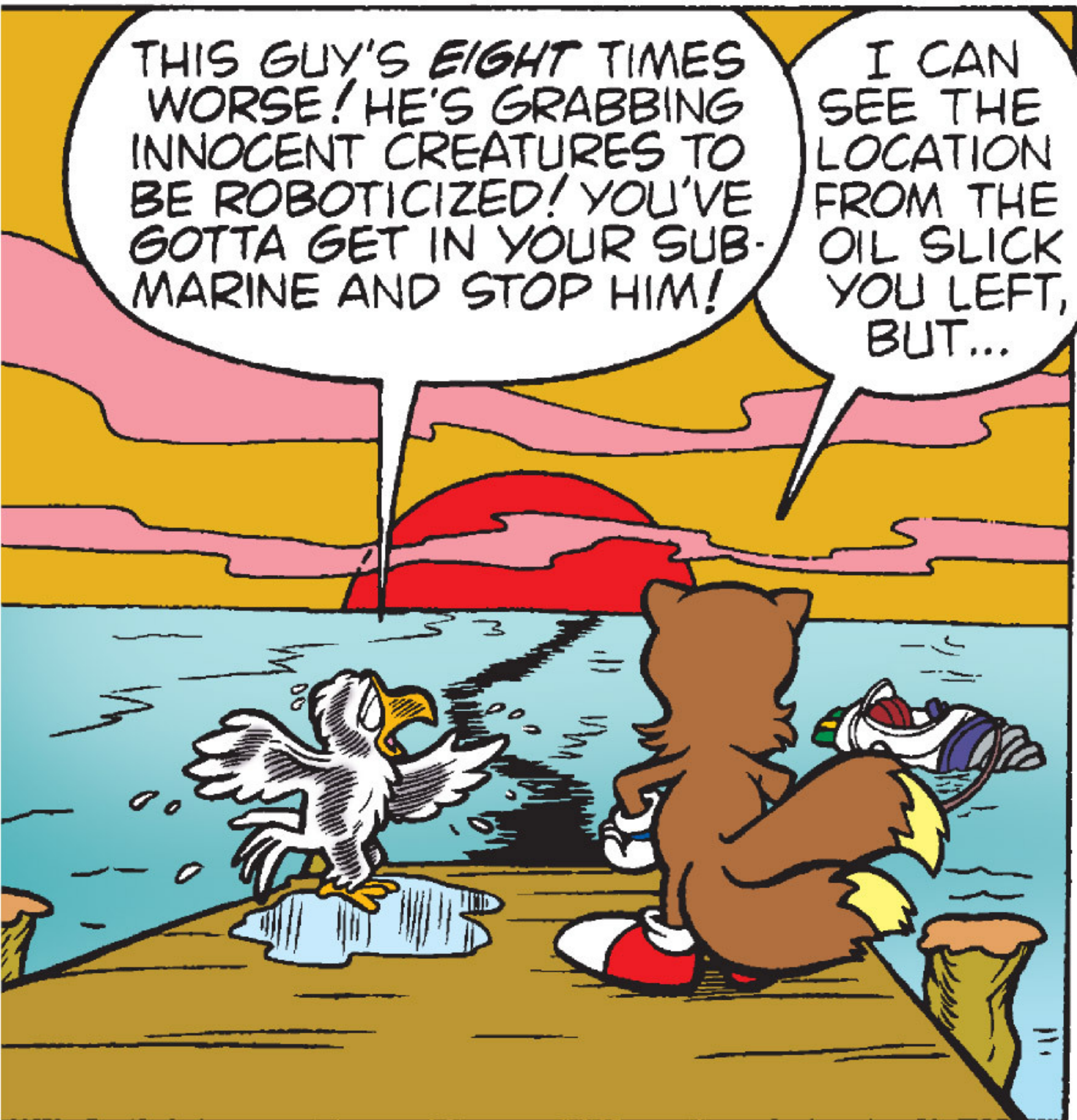
≡koff≡
I ESCAPED...
B-BUT THE OTHERS...
OH, THE HORROR!



ROBOTNIK'S GOT A NEW UNDERSEA
HENCHMAN REBUILDING HIS SUB-
MERGED, WATERPROOF
ROBOT MAKER!

BUT WE
TRASHED IT...
AND HIS PIRANHA-
'BOT!

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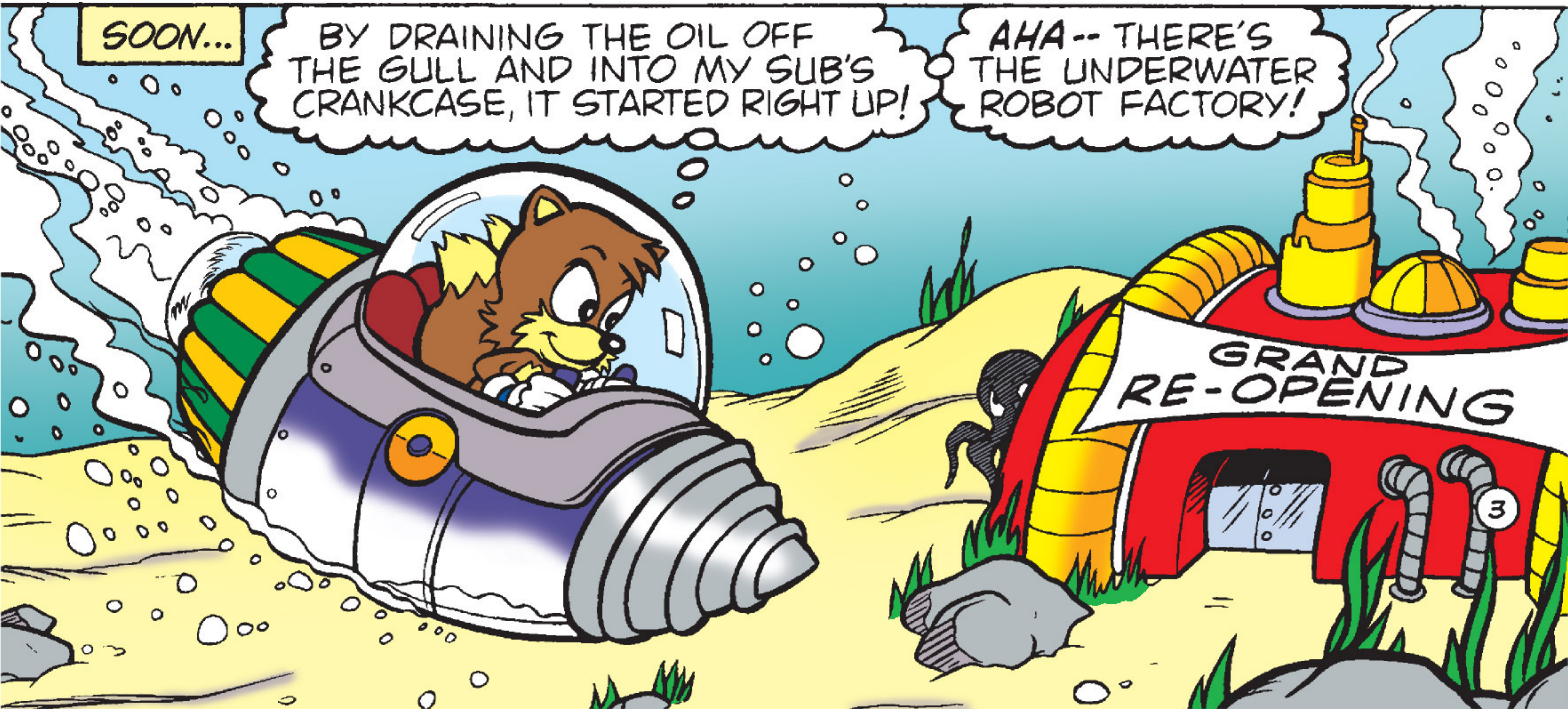


THIS GUY'S EIGHT TIMES
WORSE! HE'S GRABBING
INNOCENT CREATURES TO
BE ROBOTICIZED! YOU'VE
GOTTA GET IN YOUR SUB-
MARINE AND STOP HIM!

I CAN
SEE THE
LOCATION
FROM THE
OIL SLICK
YOU LEFT,
BUT...



YEAH-- HE OILED ME
UP GOOD! I'M A 10-W-40
MESS! WHAT AM I SUPPOSED
TO DO WITH ALL THIS
OIL ???



SOON...

BY DRAINING THE OIL OFF
THE GULL AND INTO MY SUB'S
CRANKCASE, IT STARTED RIGHT UP!

AHA-- THERE'S
THE UNDERWATER
ROBOT FACTORY!

GRAND
RE-OPENING

YOW! AND THERE'S
ROBOTNIK'S NEW
HENCHMAN --

OCTOBOT'S

THE NAME! TURNING YOU
GUYS INTO MINDLESS ROBOTS
IS THE GAME!

IN

BLUB!
HELP!

SEA FOX TO
THE RESCUE!

WHOOOSH...

WHAT
THE...?!

TURN THEM
LOOSE, YOU EIGHT-
ARMED IDIOT!

BOUMF!

WE'RE
FREE!

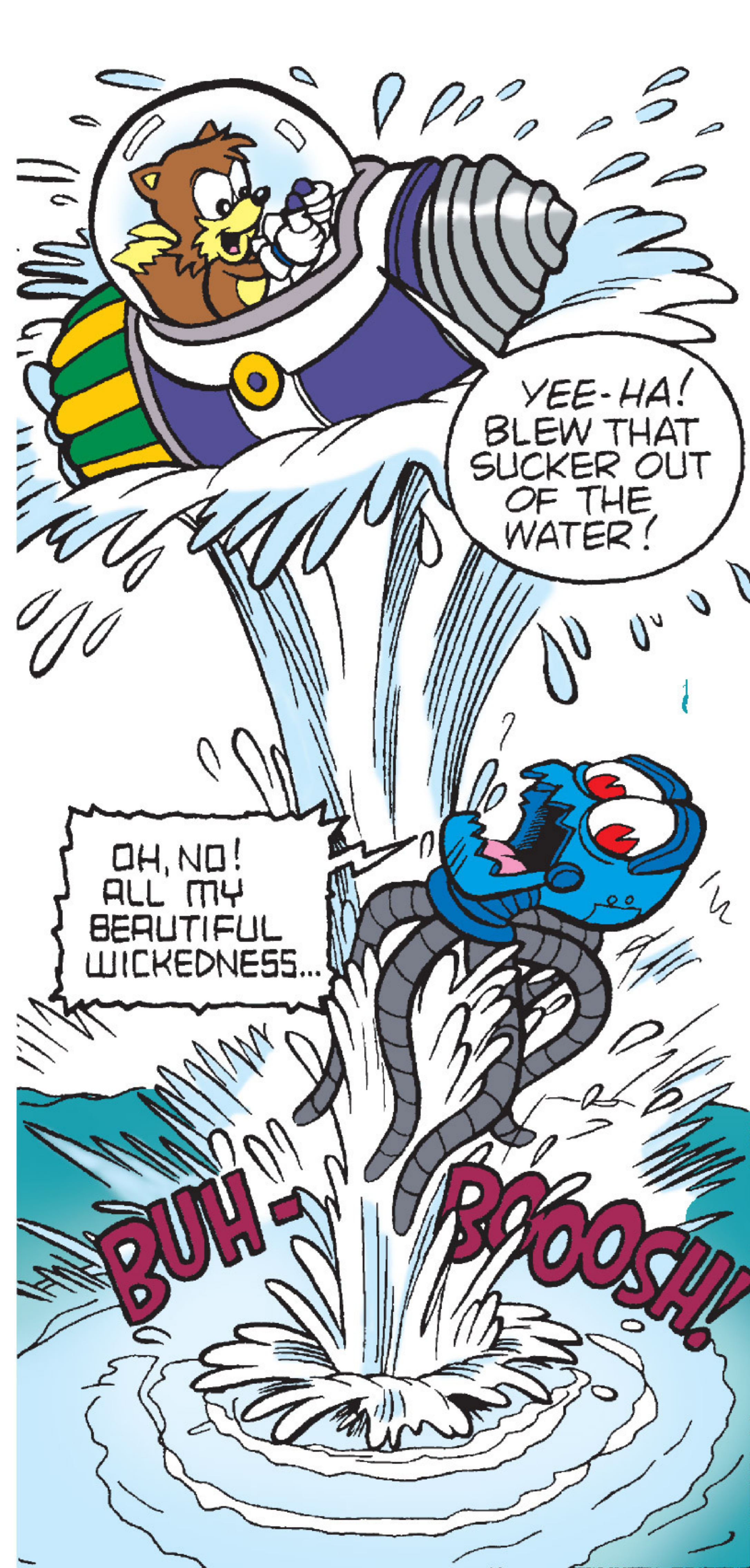
HOORAY!

OOOGAH...

I'M ON A ROLL...
A **TORPEDO** ROLL,
THAT IS ...

8 ROBOTICIZERS - NO
WADING!

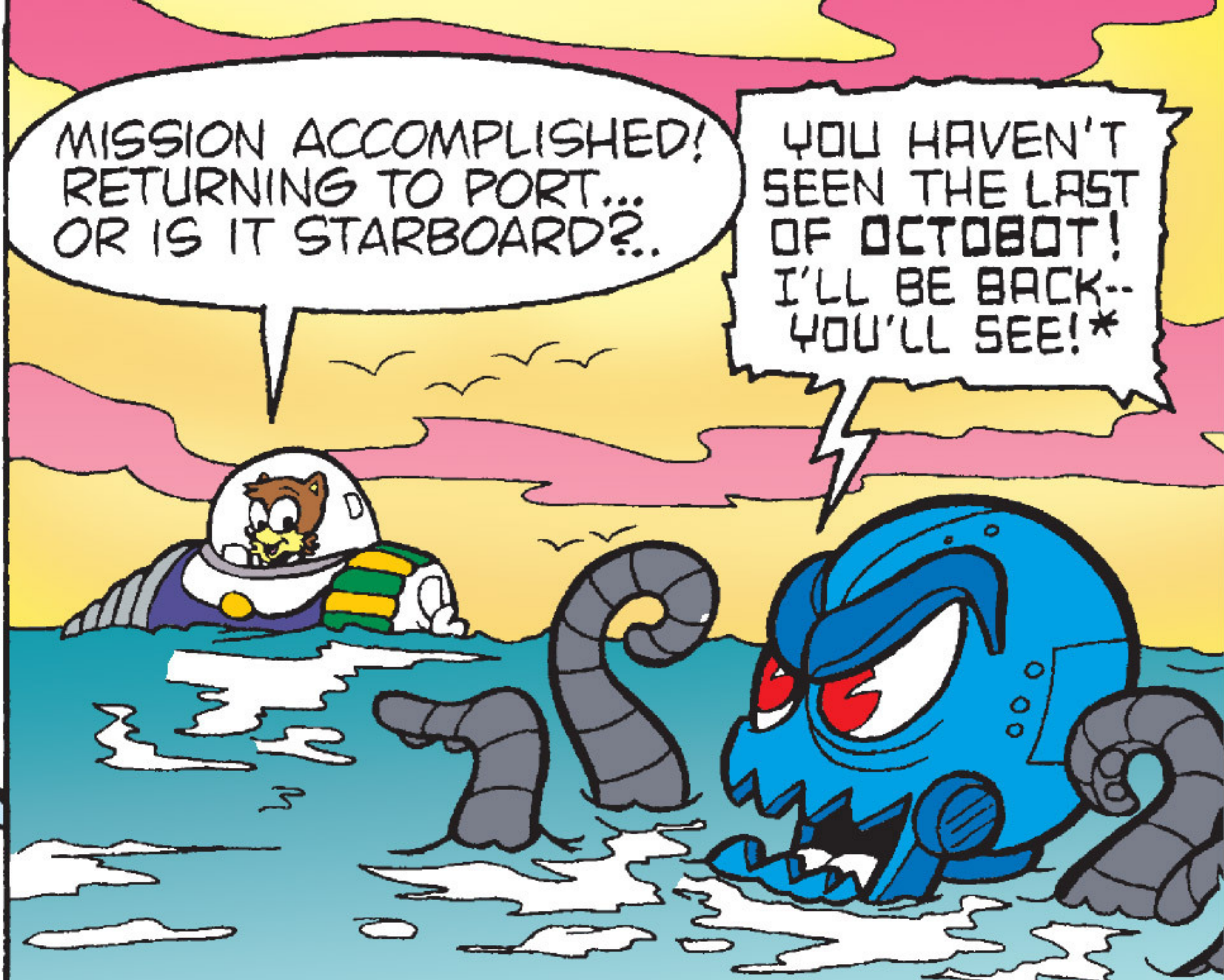
FSSSSH...



YEE-HA!
BLEW THAT
SUCKER OUT
OF THE
WATER!

OH, NO!
ALL MY
BEAUTIFUL
WICKEDNESS...

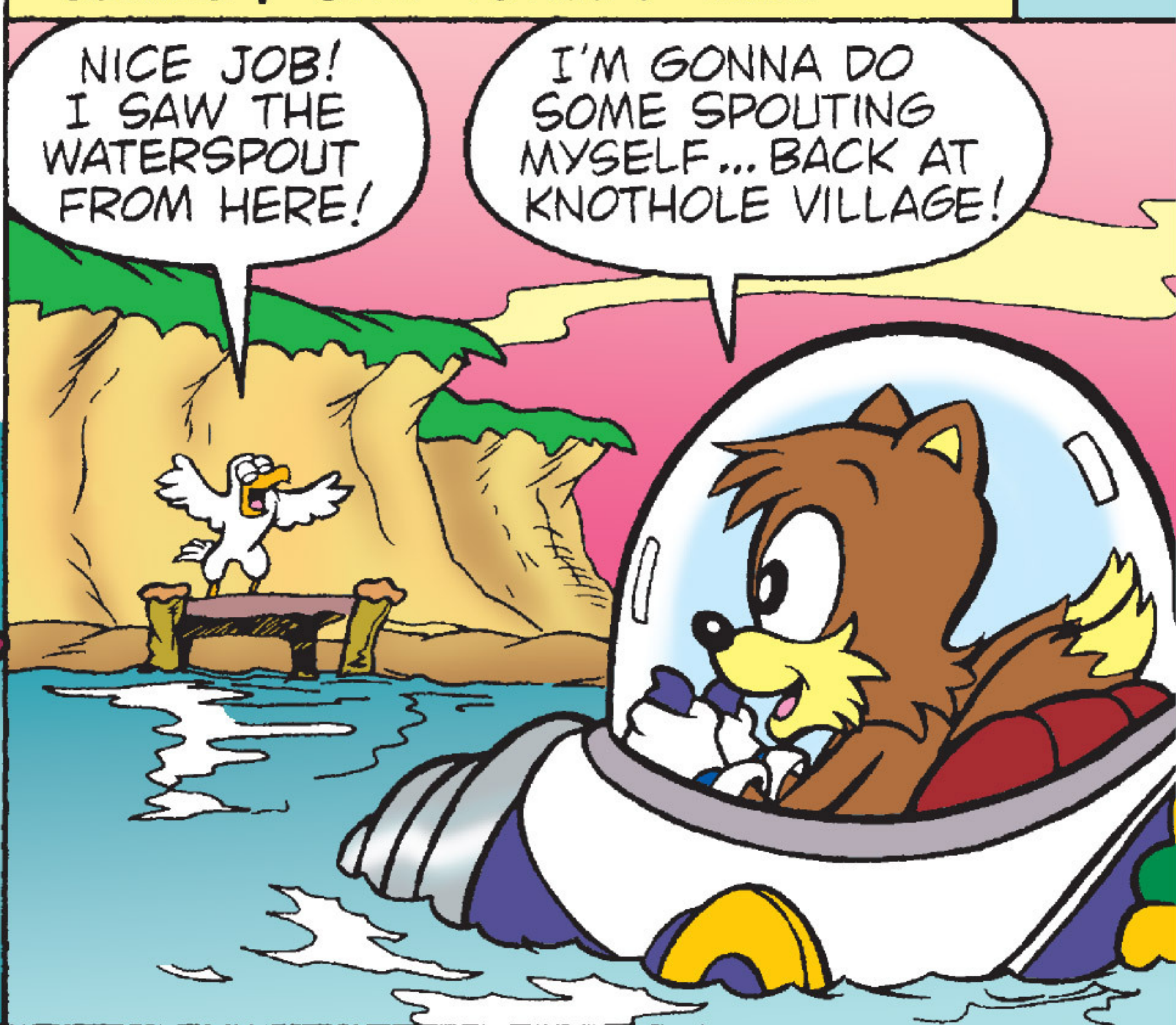
BUH-BOOSH!



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!
RETURNING TO PORT...
OR IS IT STARBOARD?..

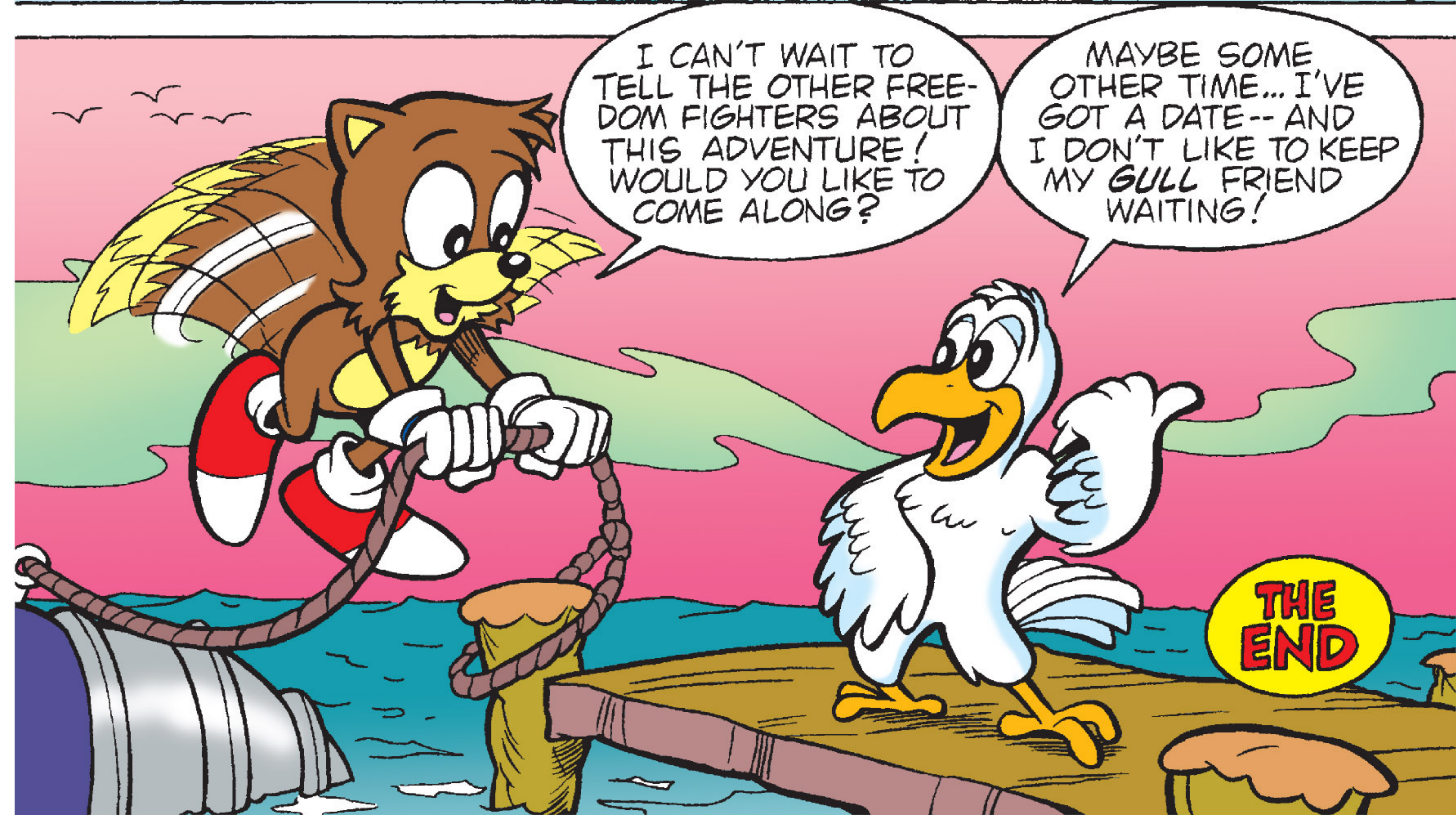
YOU HAVEN'T
SEEN THE LAST
OF OCTOBOT!
I'LL BE BACK--
YOU'LL SEE!*

* IS HE TALKING ABOUT A TAILS MINI-SERIES? STAY TUNED! -Editor



NICE JOB!
I SAW THE
WATERSPOUT
FROM HERE!

I'M GONNA DO
SOME SPOUTING
MYSELF... BACK AT
KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!



I CAN'T WAIT TO
TELL THE OTHER FREE-
DOM FIGHTERS ABOUT
THIS ADVENTURE!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO
COME ALONG?

MAYBE SOME
OTHER TIME... I'VE
GOT A DATE-- AND
I DON'T LIKE TO KEEP
MY GULL FRIEND
WAITING!

THE
END

SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS
KNUCKLES™

IN

FIRST CONTACT

I SWEAR YOU'LL
BE THE DEATH OF
ME YET, VECTOR!

WHY DO YOU
ALWAYS DO
THIS TO ME?

WELL, YOU
BETTER WATCH
IT NEXT TIME--

--OR I'LL
REALLY MAKE IT
HOT FOR YOU!

GRACIAS,
AMIGO!

LATER!

≡SIGH≡

WHY DO
I EVEN
BOTHER?

HMMMM?

SO I
ZIGGED
WHEN I
SHOULD'VE
ZAGGED!

I USUALLY
DON'T TRAVEL THE
HOT SPOTS OF THE
FLOATING ISLAND!

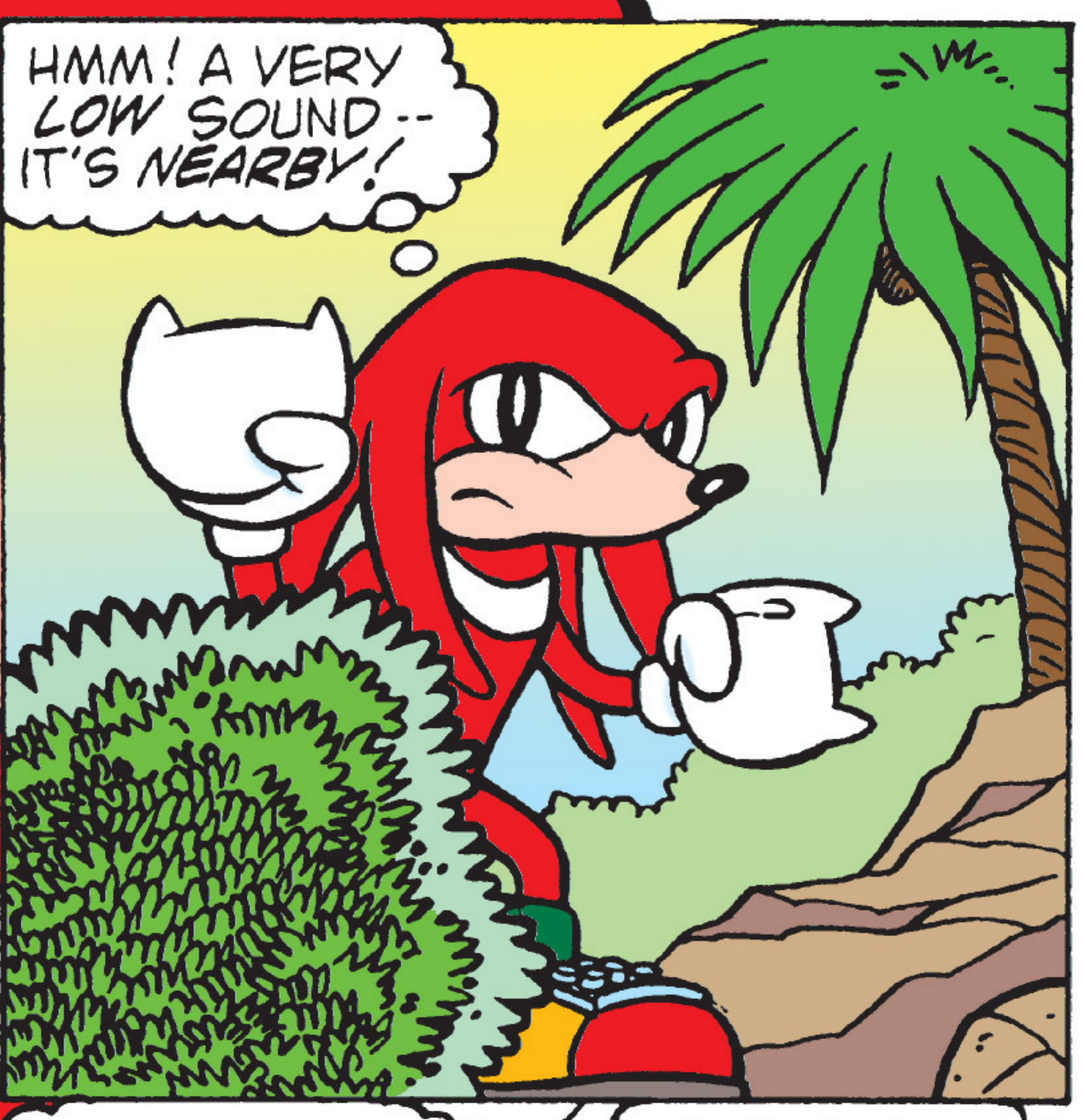
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BLUB

HSSSS

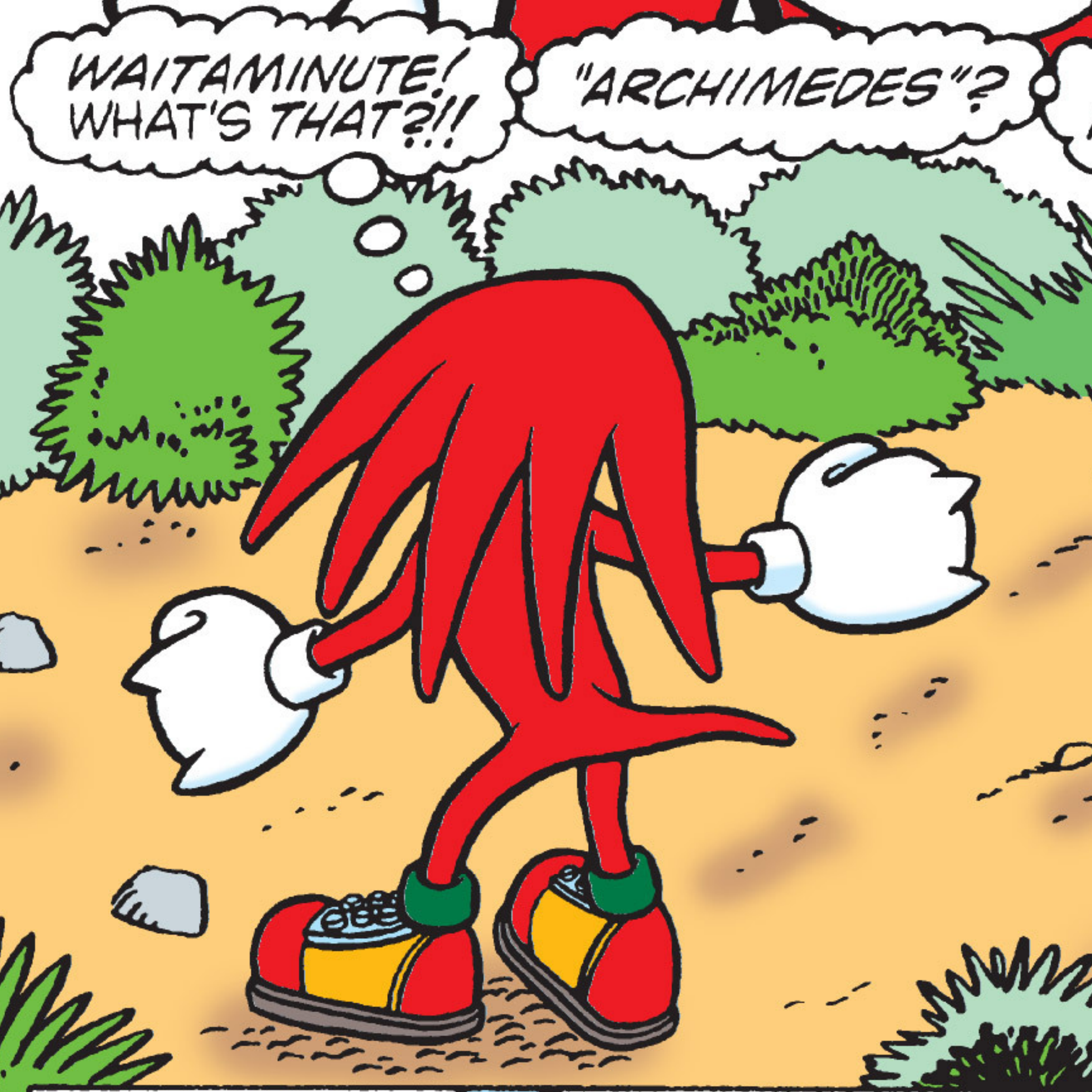


THE DREADLOCKS ON MY HEAD ARE TWITCHING!

SOMETHING SMELLS, BIG TIME!



HMM! A VERY LOW SOUND -- IT'S NEARBY!

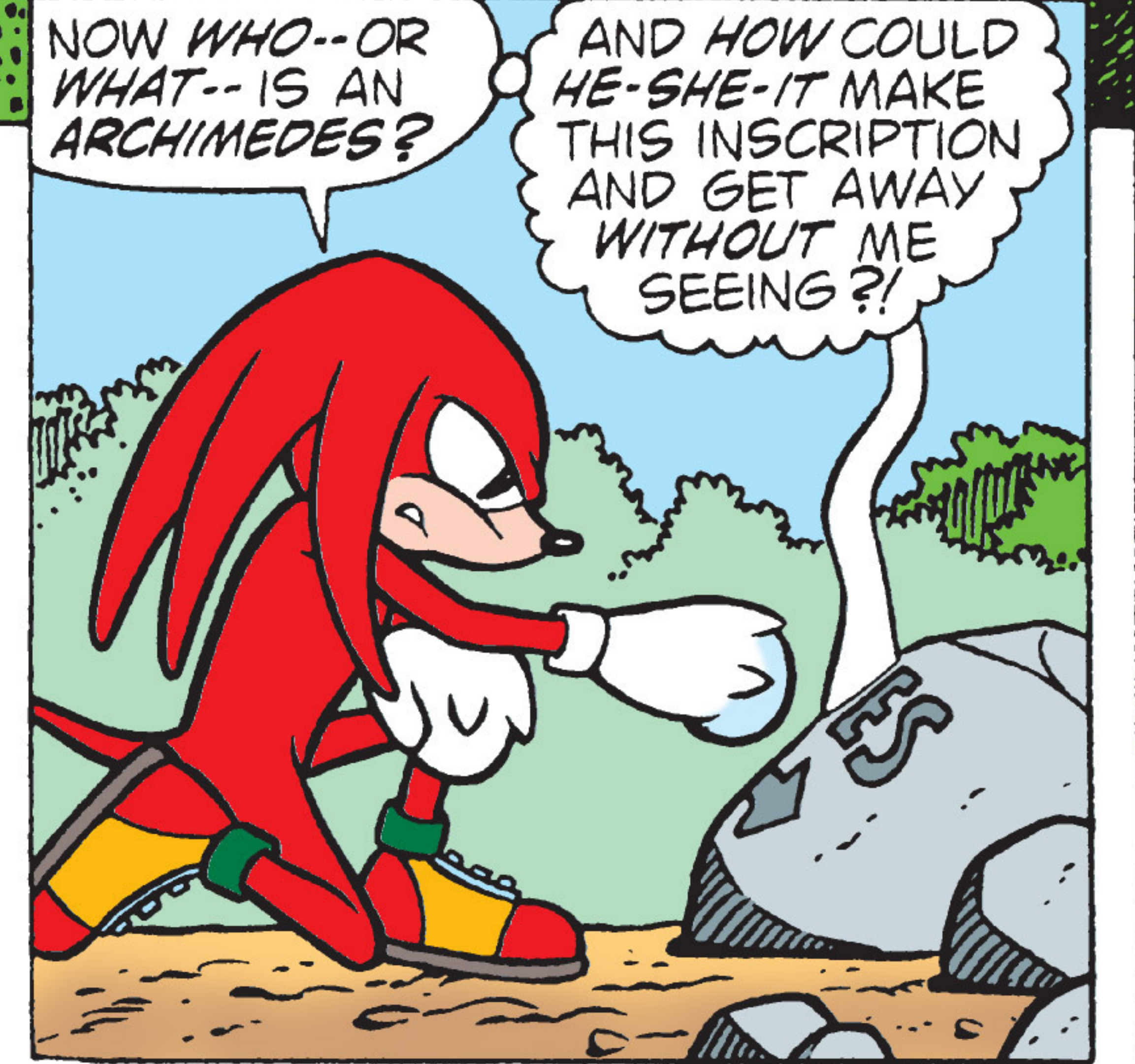


WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT'S THAT?!!

"ARCHIMEDES"?

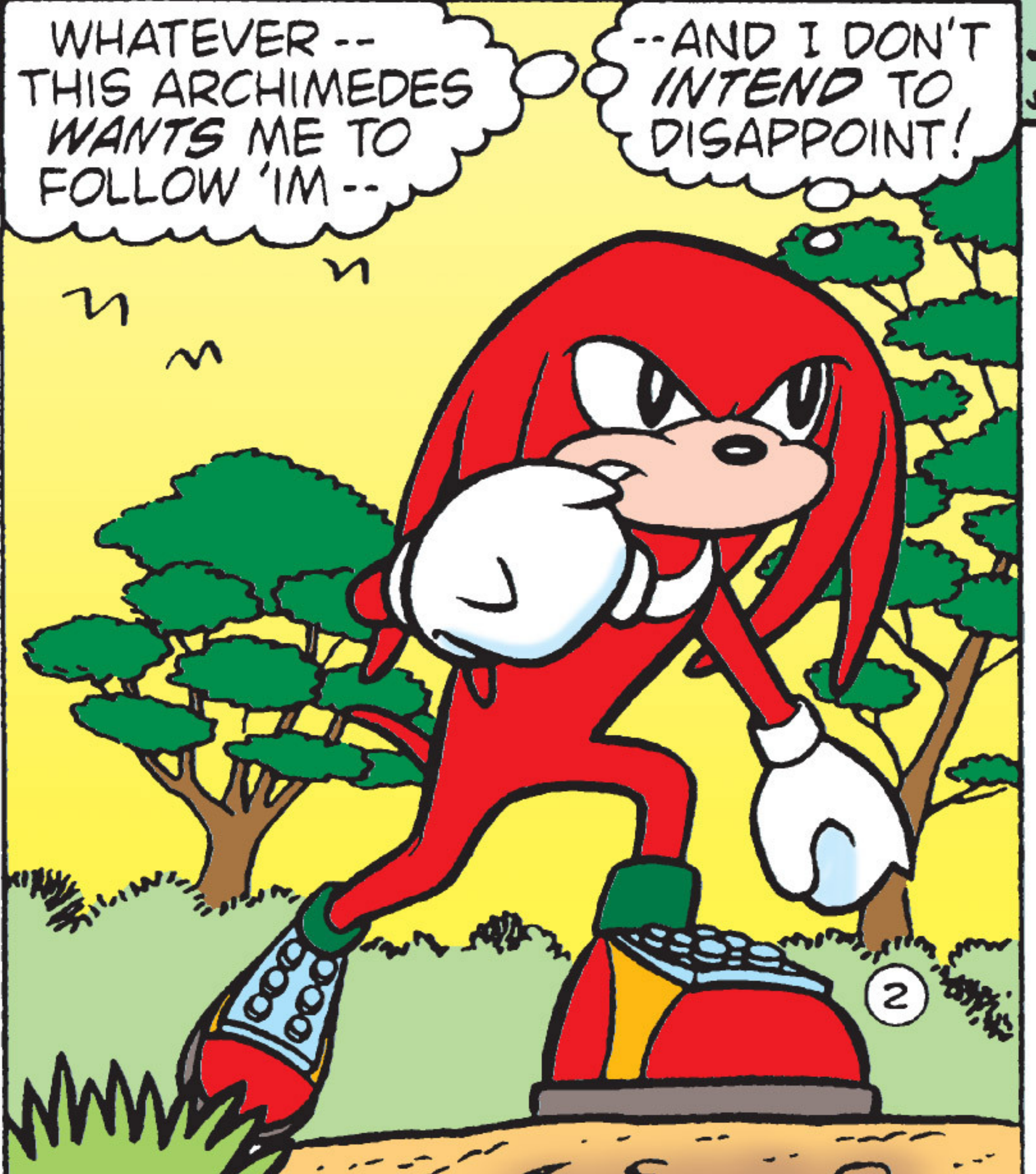
SOUNDS LIKE A HISTORY LESSON!

BUT THAT SMOKE COMING FROM THE ROCK MUST BE WHAT I SMELLED!



NOW WHO--OR WHAT-- IS AN ARCHIMEDES?

AND HOW COULD HE-SHE-IT MAKE THIS INSCRIPTION AND GET AWAY WITHOUT ME SEEING?!



WHATEVER -- THIS ARCHIMEDES WANTS ME TO FOLLOW 'IM --

--AND I DON'T INTEND TO DISAPPOINT!



NICE DAY IF IT DOESN'T RAIN, EH, KNUCKLES?

CATWEAZLE!

YOU MANGY COCKATOO! YOU DIDN'T HAPPEN TO SEE ANYTHING UNUSUAL PASS THIS WAY BY ANY CHANCE?

WHAT WAS I THINKING? AS USUAL, CATWEAZLE HAS "SEEDS ON THE BRAIN"!



... AND HE'S NOT GOING TO HELP MY SEARCH!



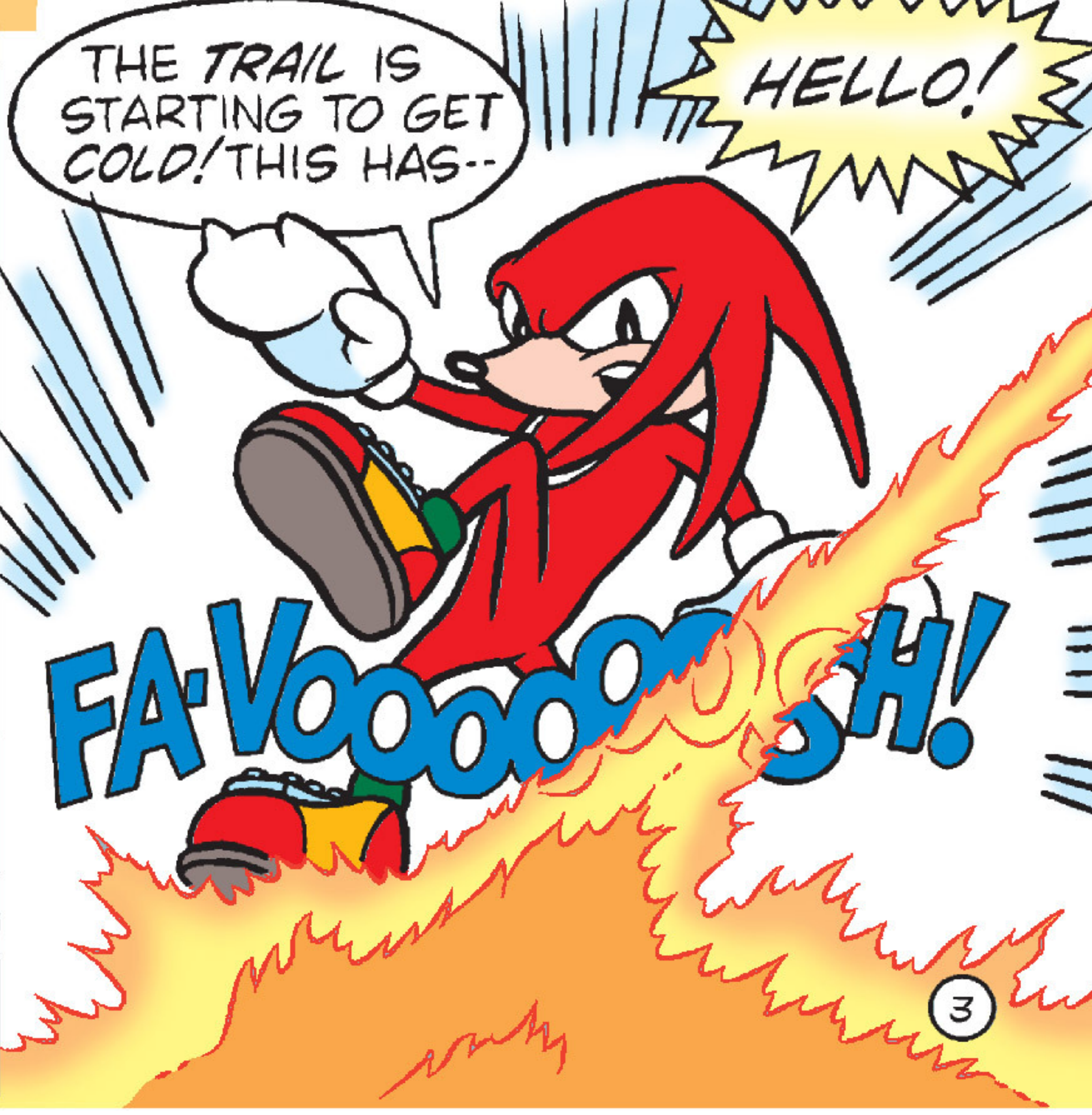
NOPE! BEEN REAL PEACEFUL HERE ALL DAY! SORRY I CAN'T BE MUCH HELP!

WHAT ELSE IS NEW? SO MUCH FOR THAT!



NO PROBLEMO! I'LL CATCH YA LATER!

DON'T BE A STRANGER, KNUCKLES!



THE TRAIL IS STARTING TO GET COLD! THIS HAS--

HELLO!

FA-Voooooosh!

MAYBE I
WOKE UP ON THE
WRONG SIDE
OF THE BED?

WHAT DID I DO
TO DESERVE
THIS?

FA-VOOOSH!

FA-VOOOSH!

FA-VOOOSH!

WELL, I'M THROUGH
BEIN' EVERYONE'S
PIGEON!

IT'S ONE OF
THAT JERK
ROBOTNIK'S
ROBOTS!

COULD IT
BE--?

YEAH, I BET IT'S HIM!
I BET HE'S BACK!

AND I ALSO
BET HE'S THIS
"ARCHIMEDES"!

AND I PROMISED
MYSELF NO ONE
WOULD DO THAT
AGAIN!

FWOOOOSH!

HE'S TRICKED
ME BEFORE!*

HERE'S MUD IN
YOUR EYE!

SCRATCH
THAT 'BOT!

NOW TO SEE IF
THE BIG CHEESE
HIMSELF IS HERE!

AND ONCE I
FIND 'IM--

*SONIC #13 AND
SONIC & KNUCKLES#1
--Editor



--I'M GONNA
GIVE 'IM MORE
THAN JUST A
PIECE OF MY
MIND!

RRRRRRRR

I SHOULD'VE
FIGURED!

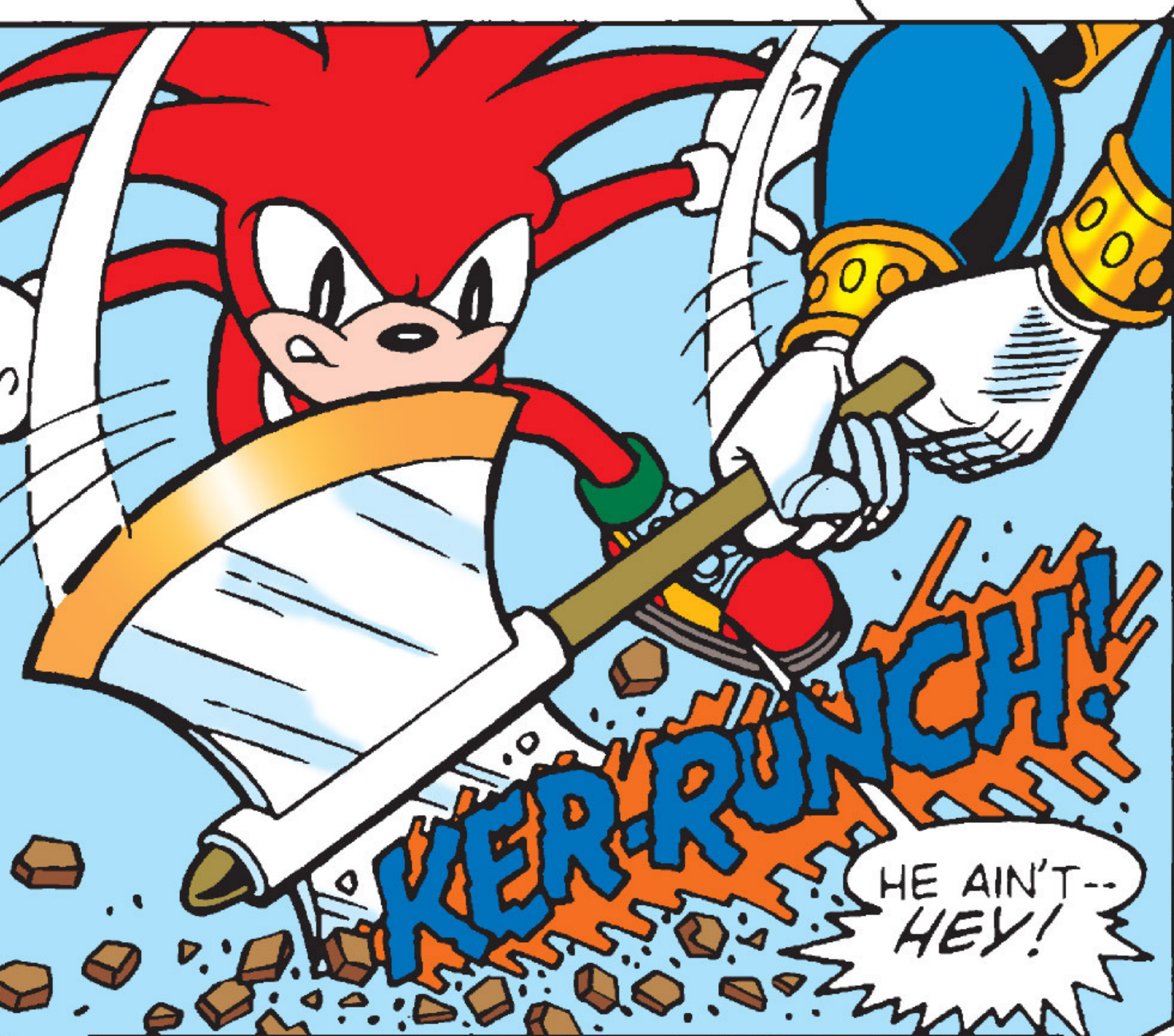
KLIK!
GRIND!

WHERE THERE'S
ONE OF YOU GUYS,
THERE'S MORE
OF YOU!

WHERE'S
THE *BIG*
MAN, EH,
BIG FELLA?

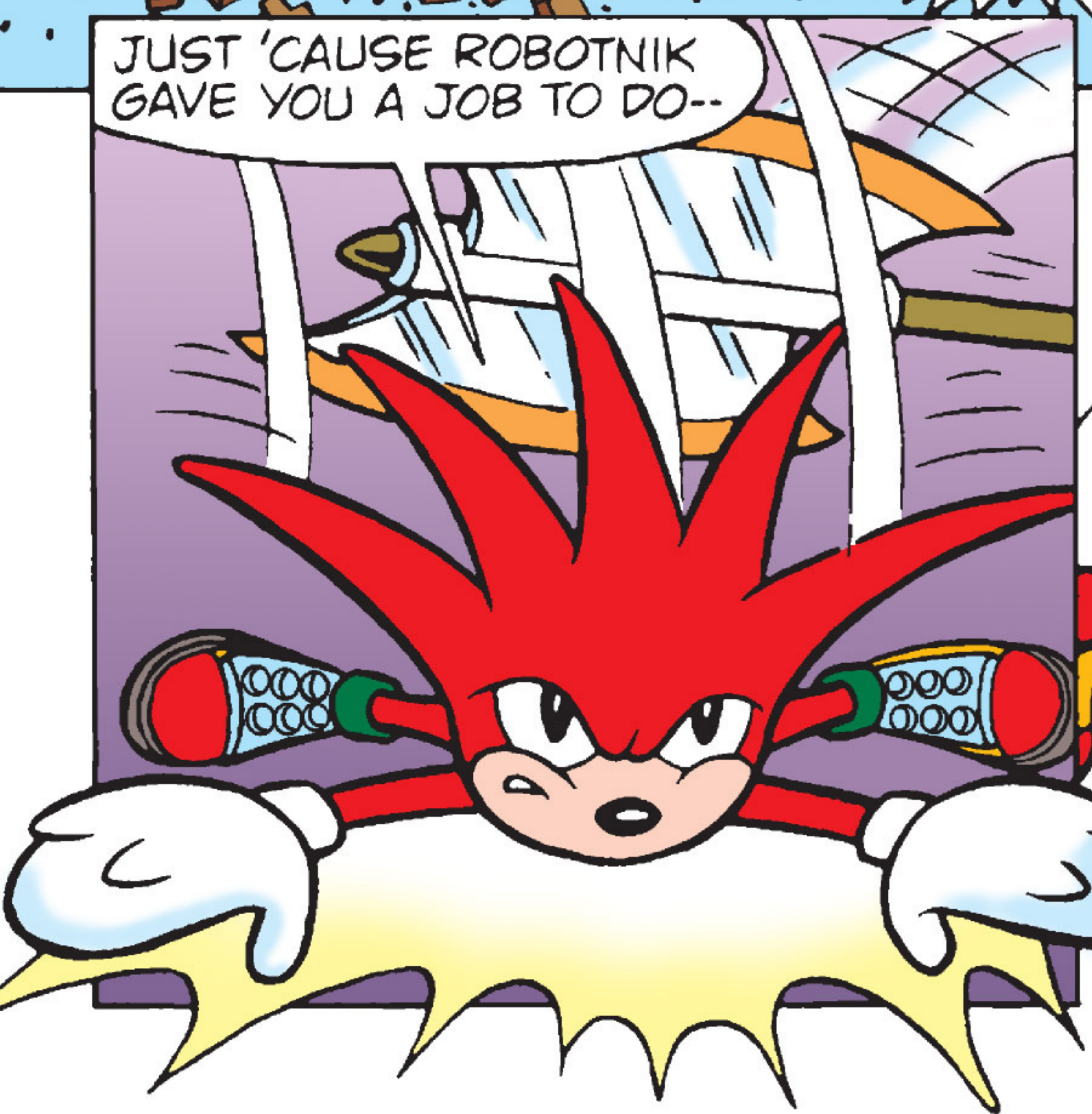


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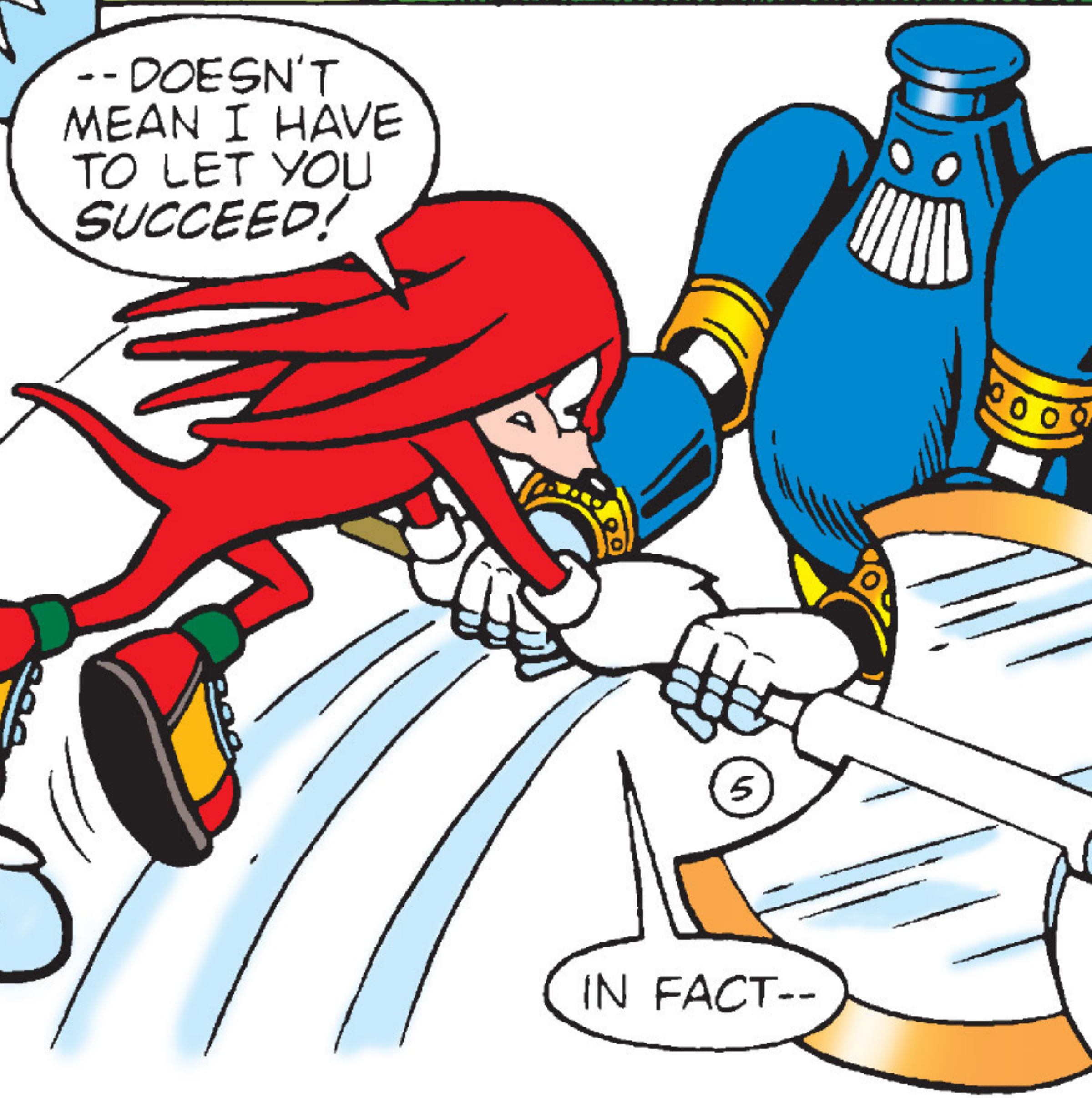


KER-RUNCH!

HE AIN'T--
HEY!

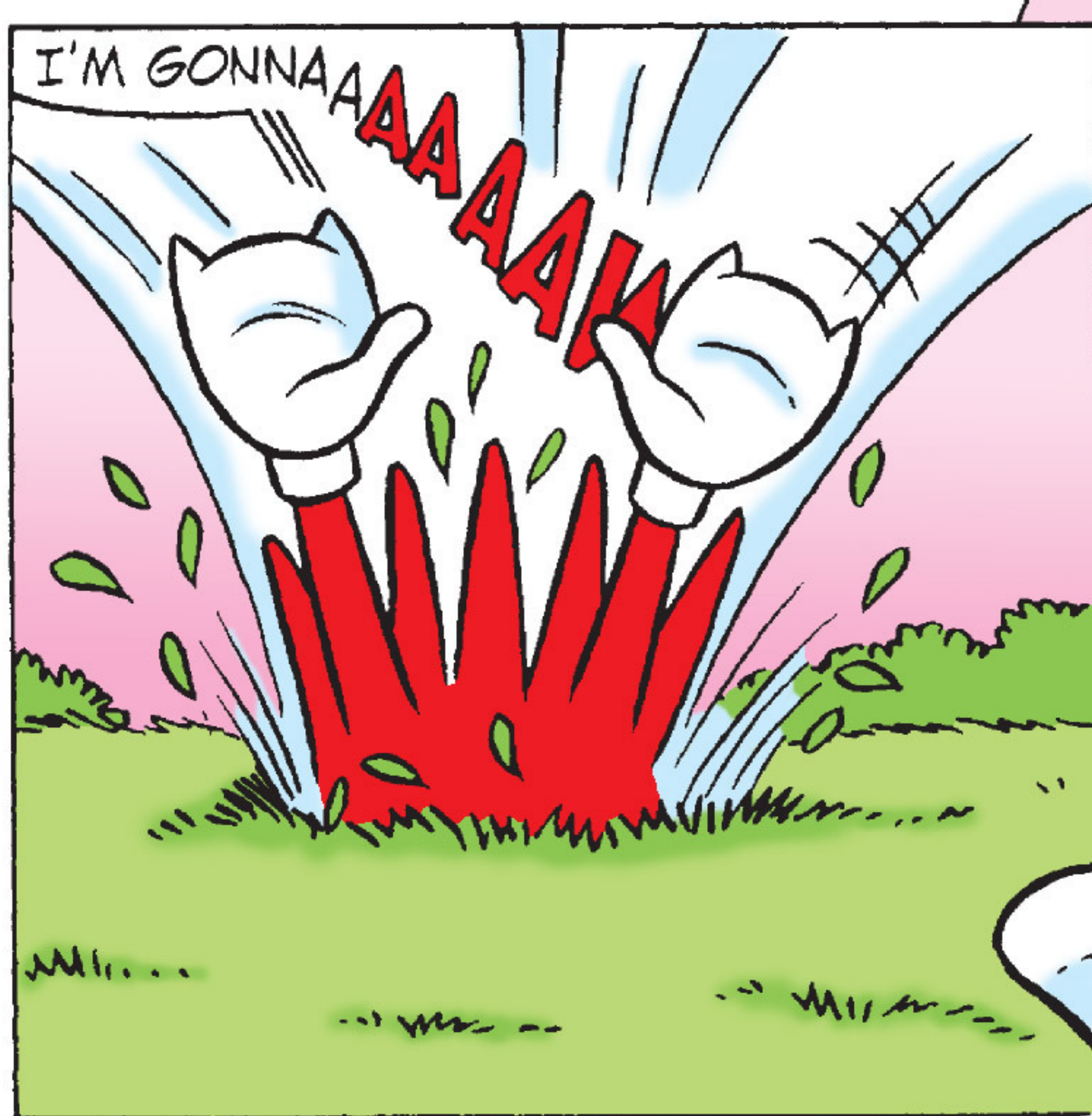
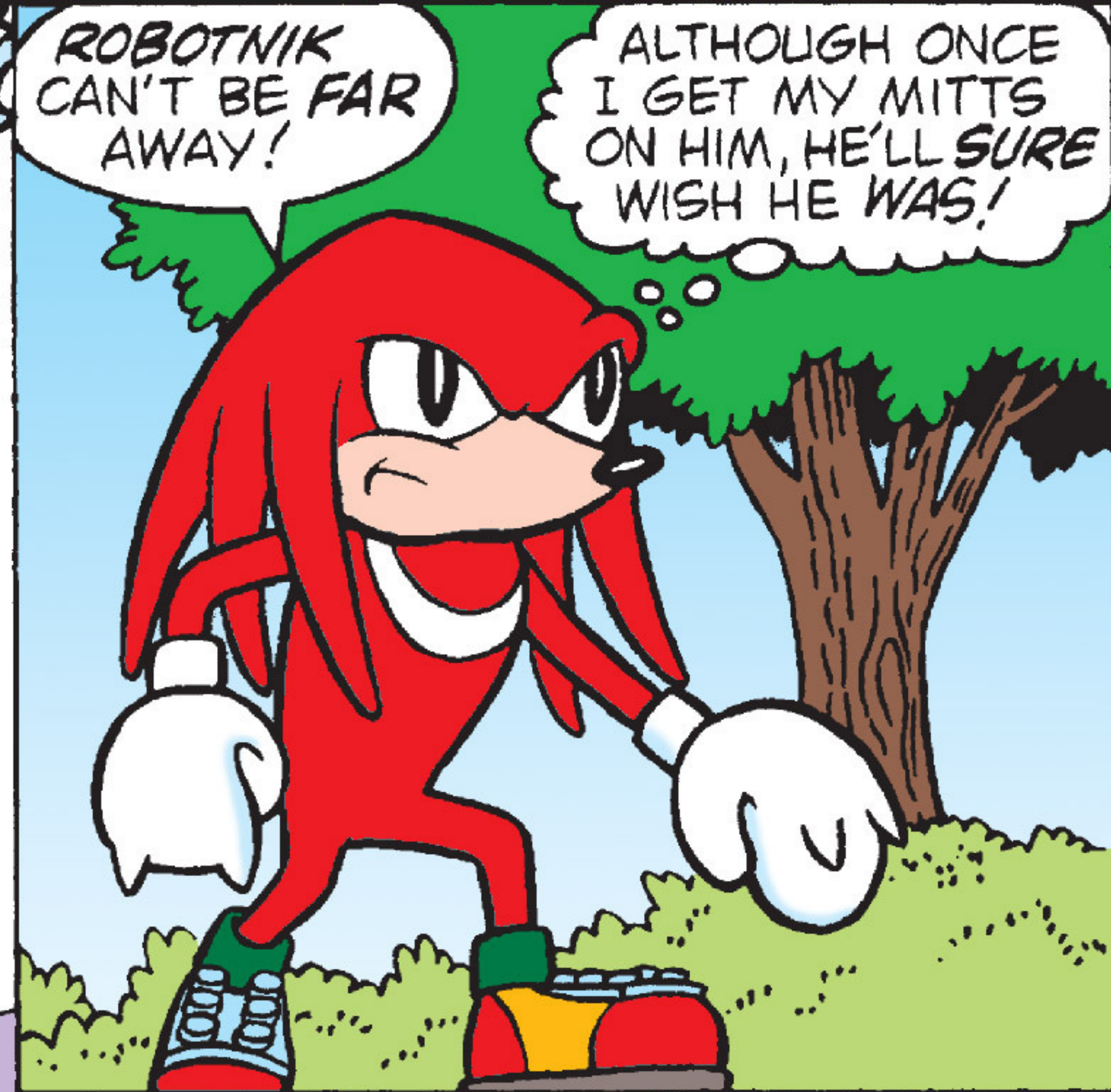
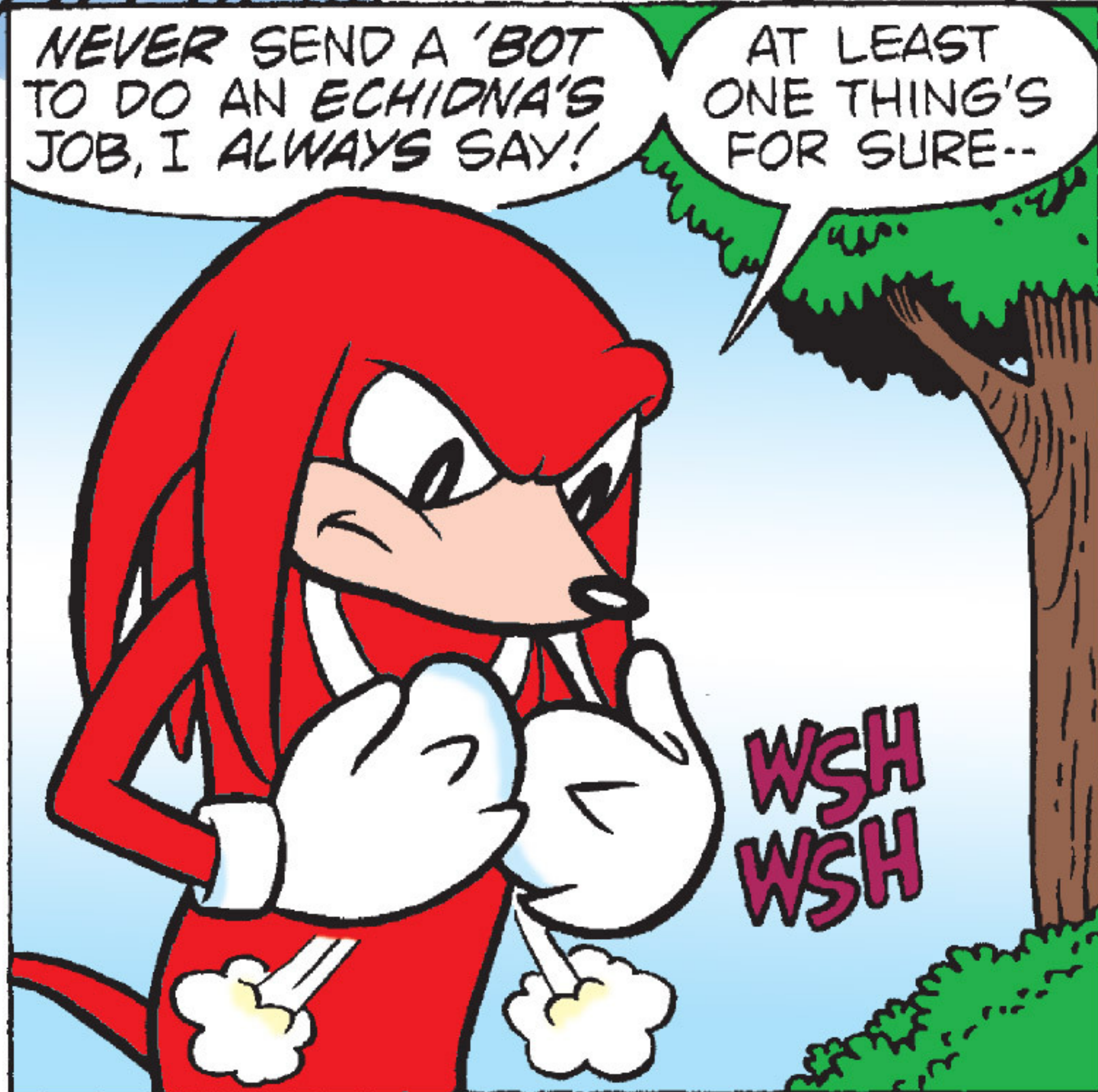


JUST 'CAUSE ROBOTNIK
GAVE YOU A JOB TO DO--



-- DOESN'T
MEAN I HAVE
TO LET YOU
SUCCEED!

IN FACT--



I'M GONNA *FIRST* FIGURE
OUT WHAT I'M DOING IN
THE CHAOS CHAMBER--

--THEN I'M GONNA
THROW YOU OFF THE
ISLAND ONCE AND
FOR ALL, ROBOTNIK!

ROBOTNIK?

DID YOU SAY
ROBOTNIK?

IF THE SHOE
FITS...

FIRST YOU
THINK I'M SOME
HEDGEHOG,*
THEN A MAD
TYRANT!

WELL, WHO ELSE
COULD YOU BE?

YOU SAW
THE NAME
ON THE
STONE.

THERE
IS ONLY ONE
ARCHIMEDES
AND I AM HE.

*AS SHOWN IN SONIC & KNUCKLES
SPECIAL #1 STORY "FIRE DRILL"--Editor

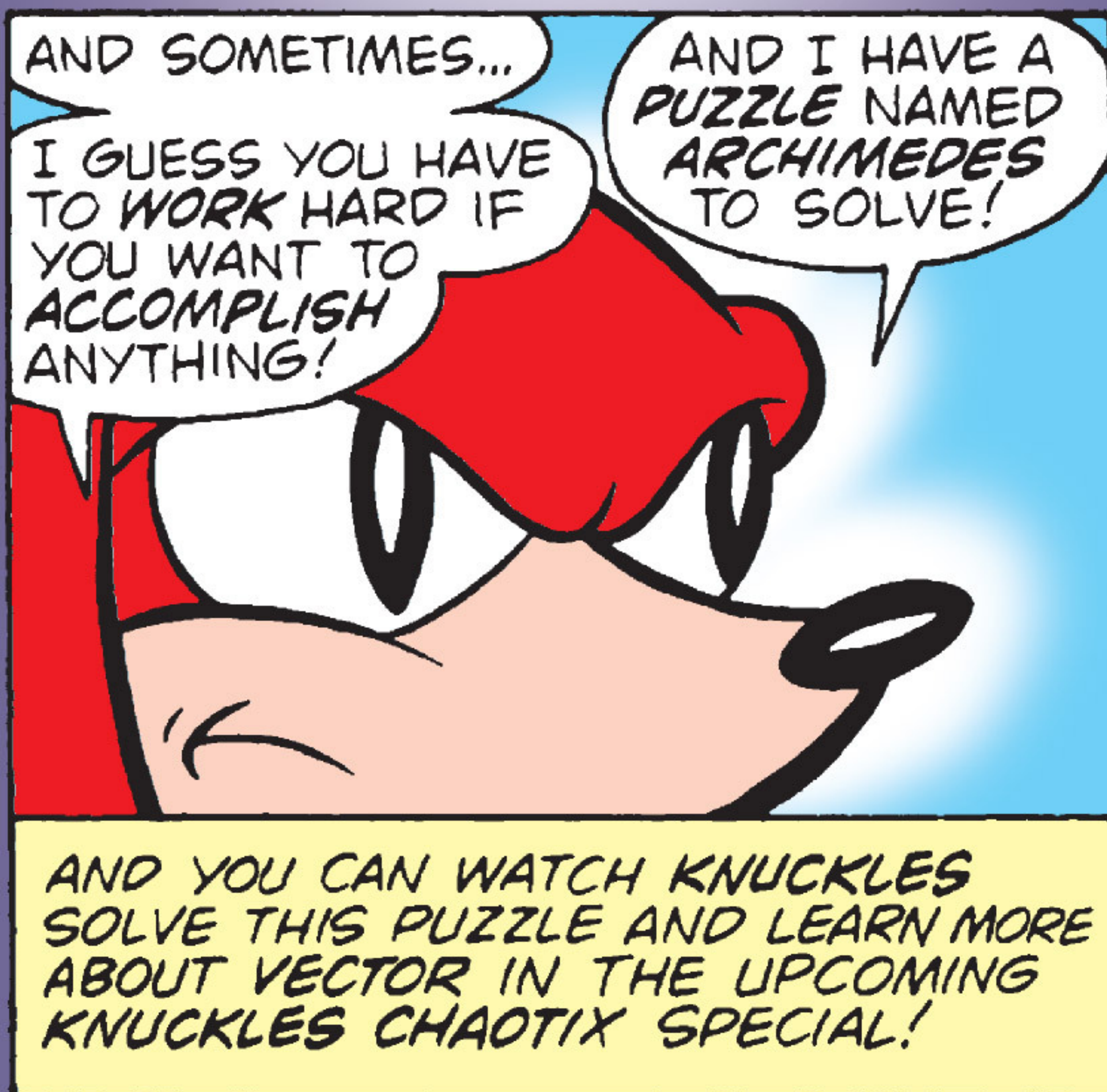
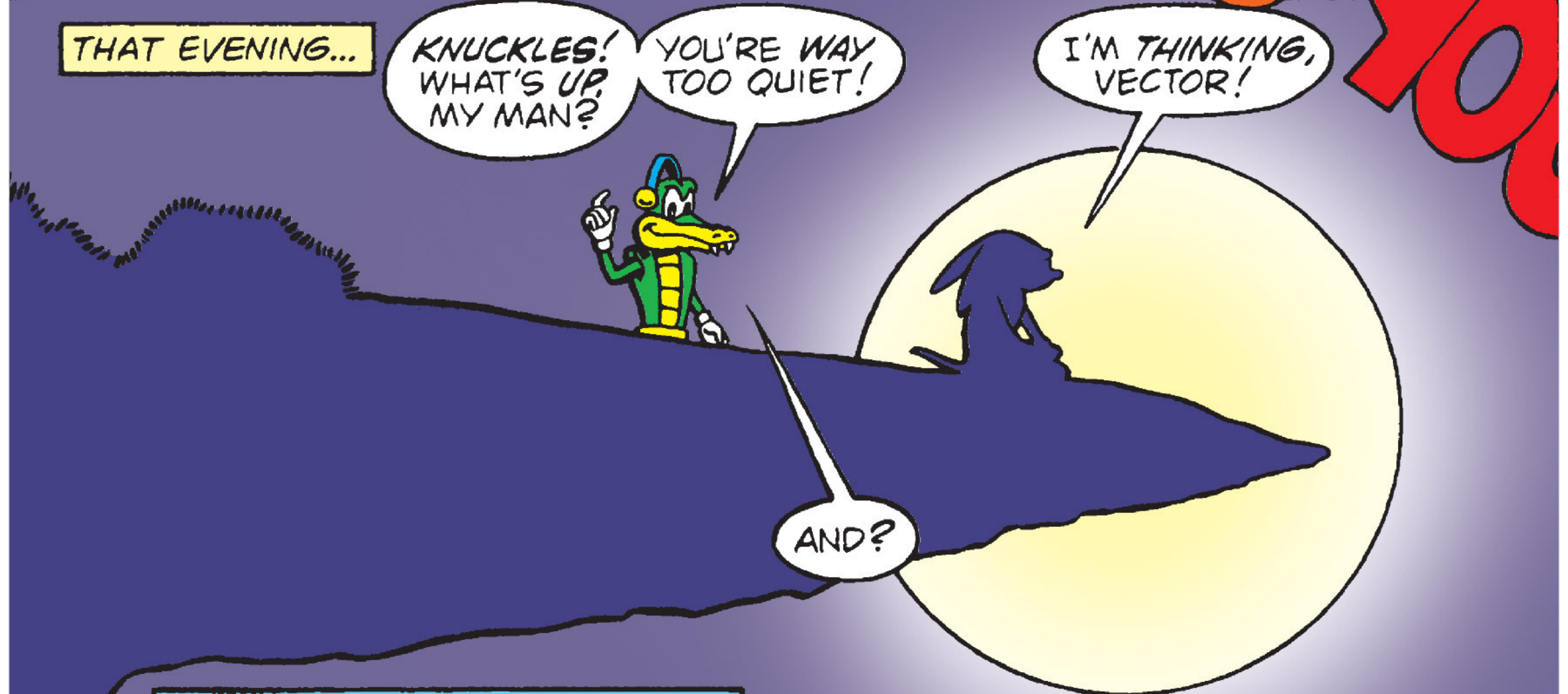
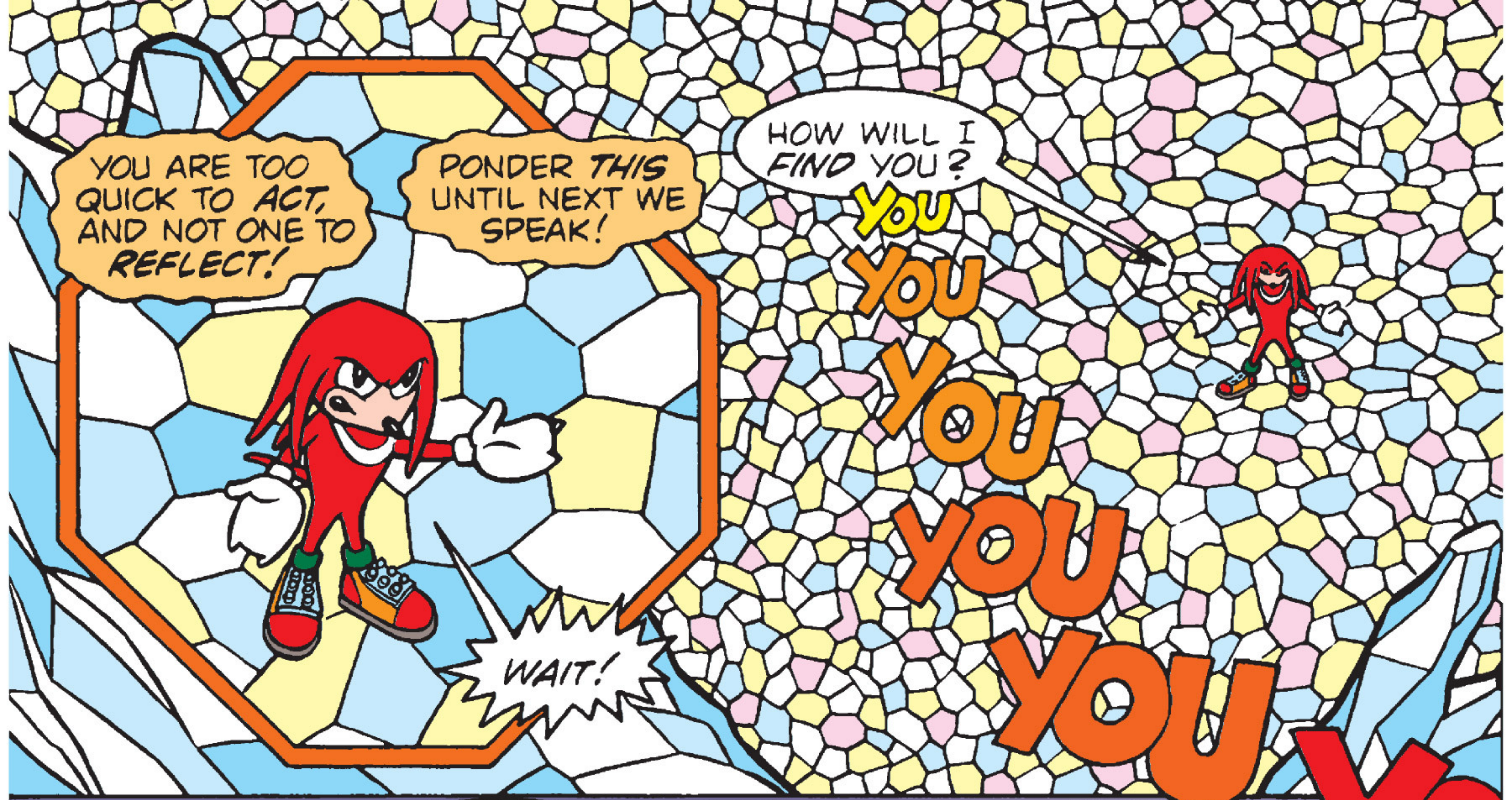
WHY DON'T
YOU *SHOW*
YOURSELF
TO ME?

AH, BUT
THAT IS PART
OF THE
LESSON!

ONLY
WHEN YOU
CAN FIND
ME--

--WILL WE KNOW THAT
YOU ARE CAPABLE OF
SEEING THE ANSWER
WITHIN THE QUESTION!

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?

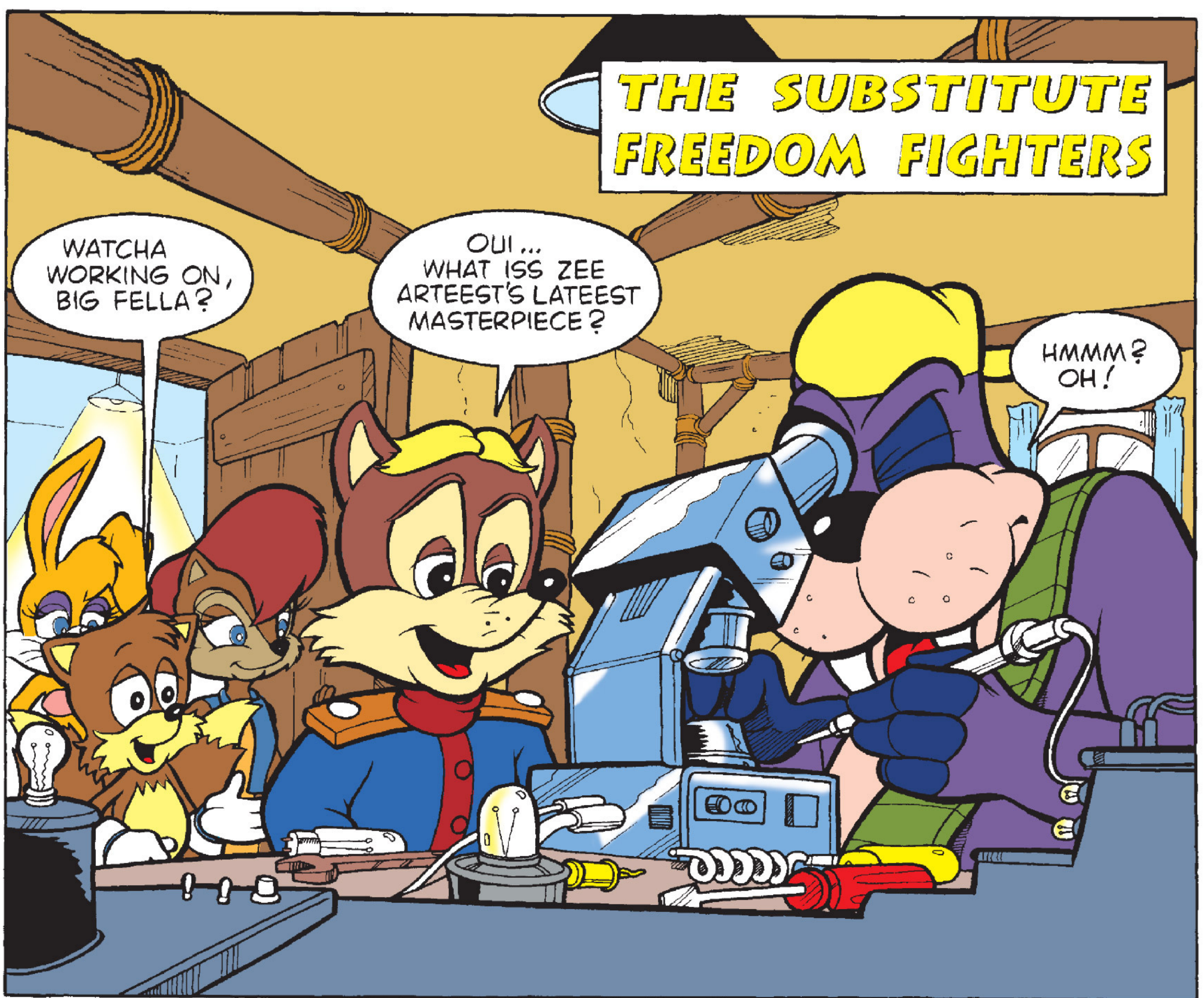


THE SUBSTITUTE FREEDOM FIGHTERS

WATCHA
WORKING ON,
BIG FELLA?

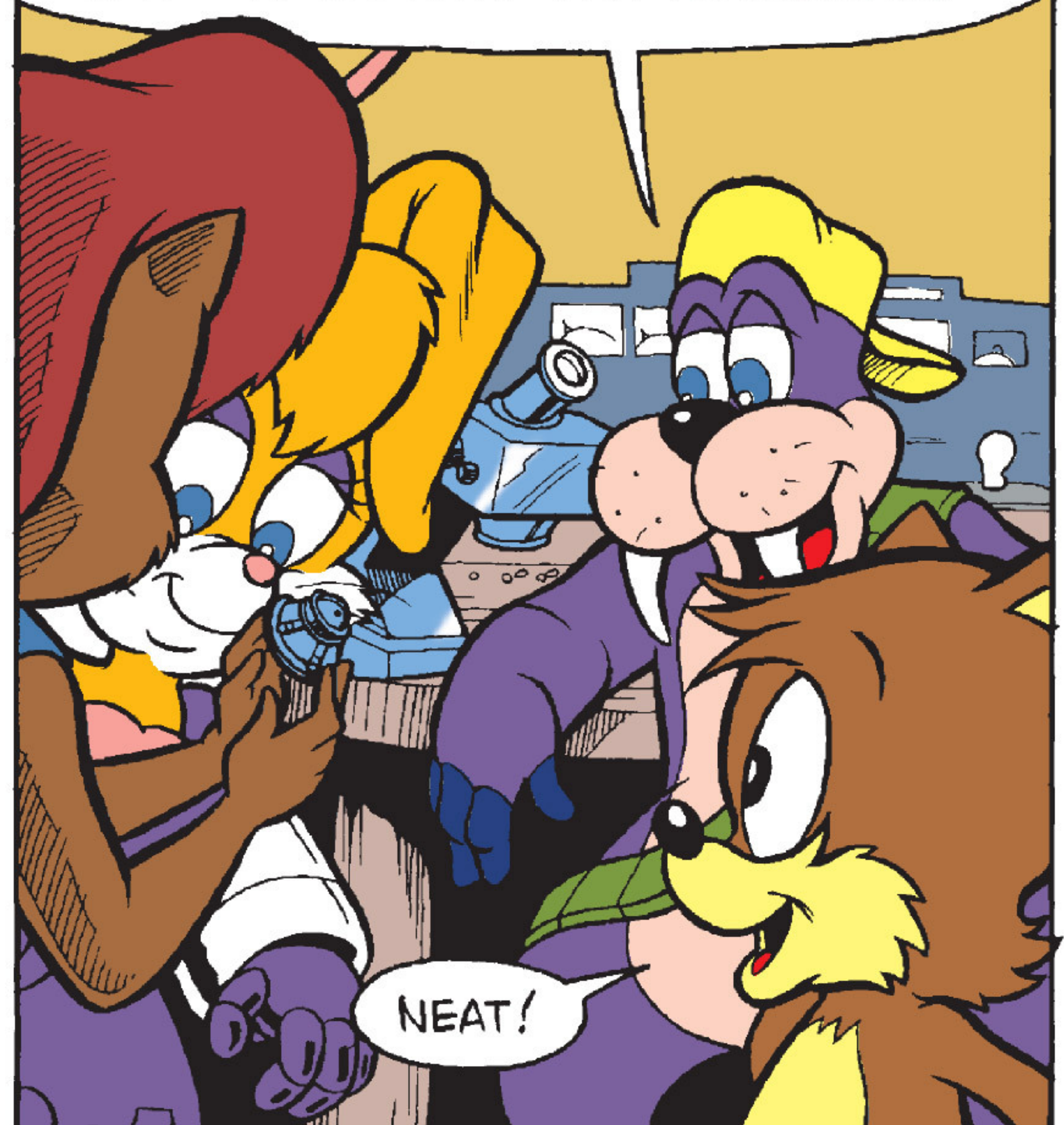
OUI...
WHAT ISS ZEE
ARTEEST'S LATEEST
MASTERPIECE?

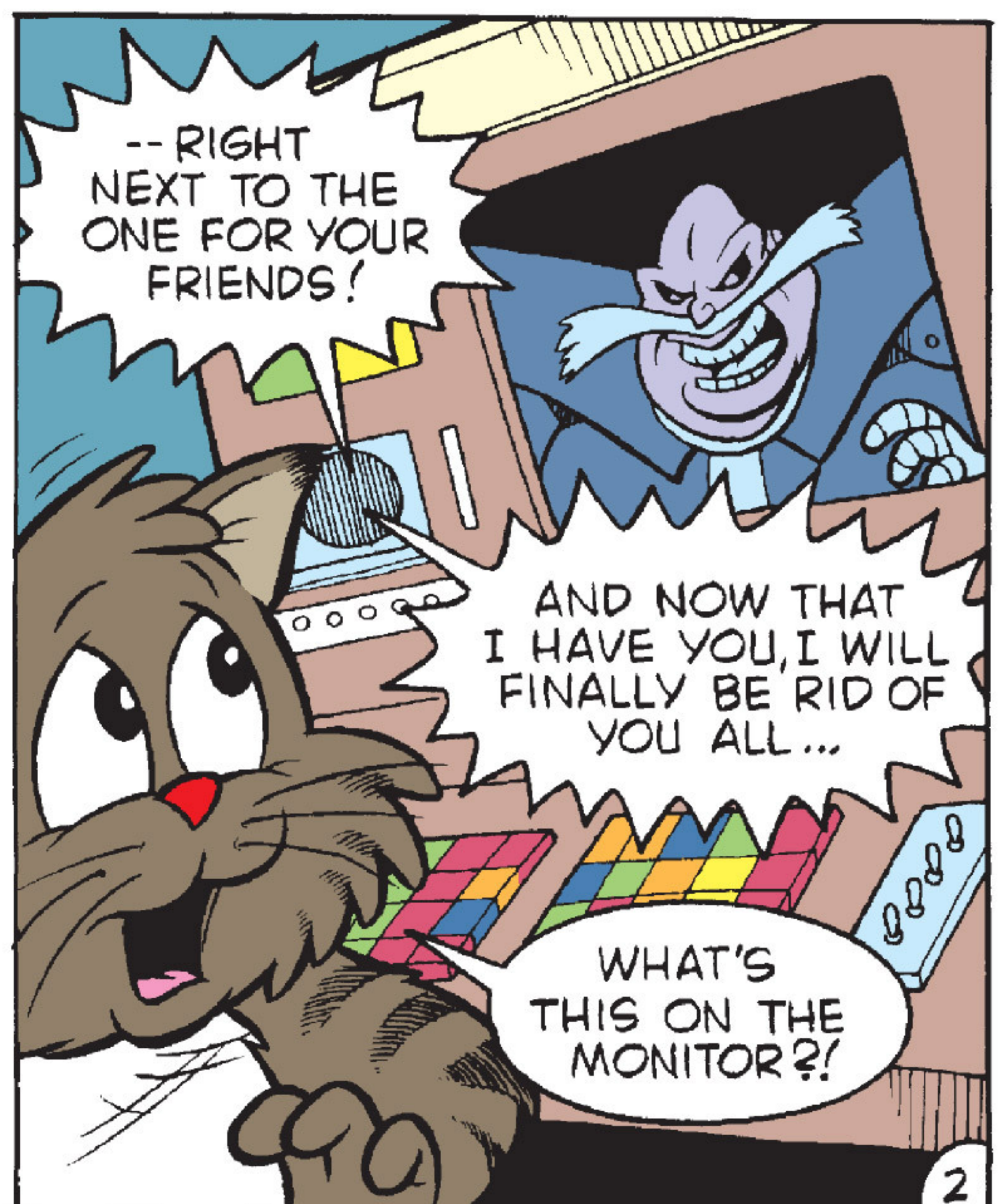
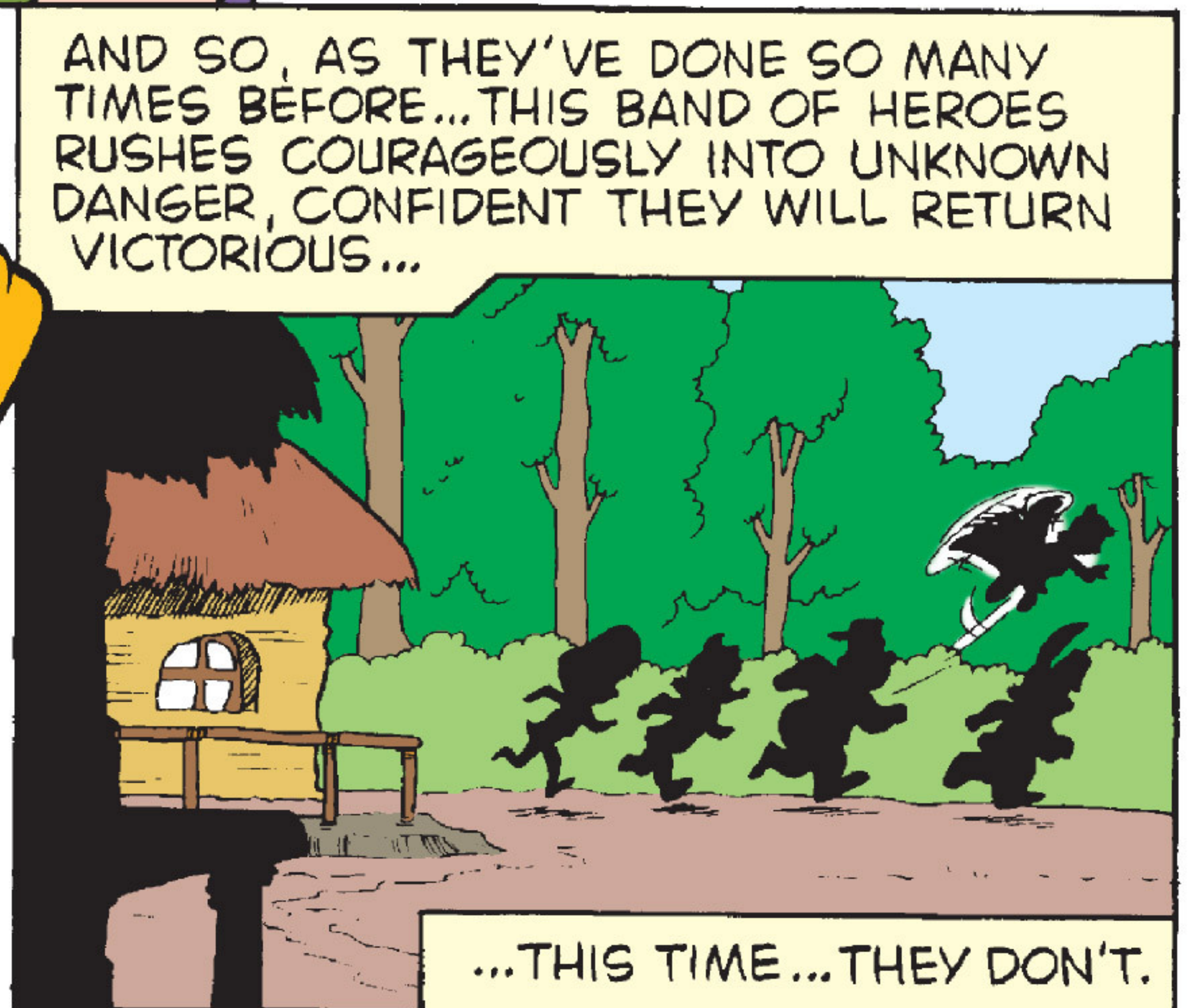
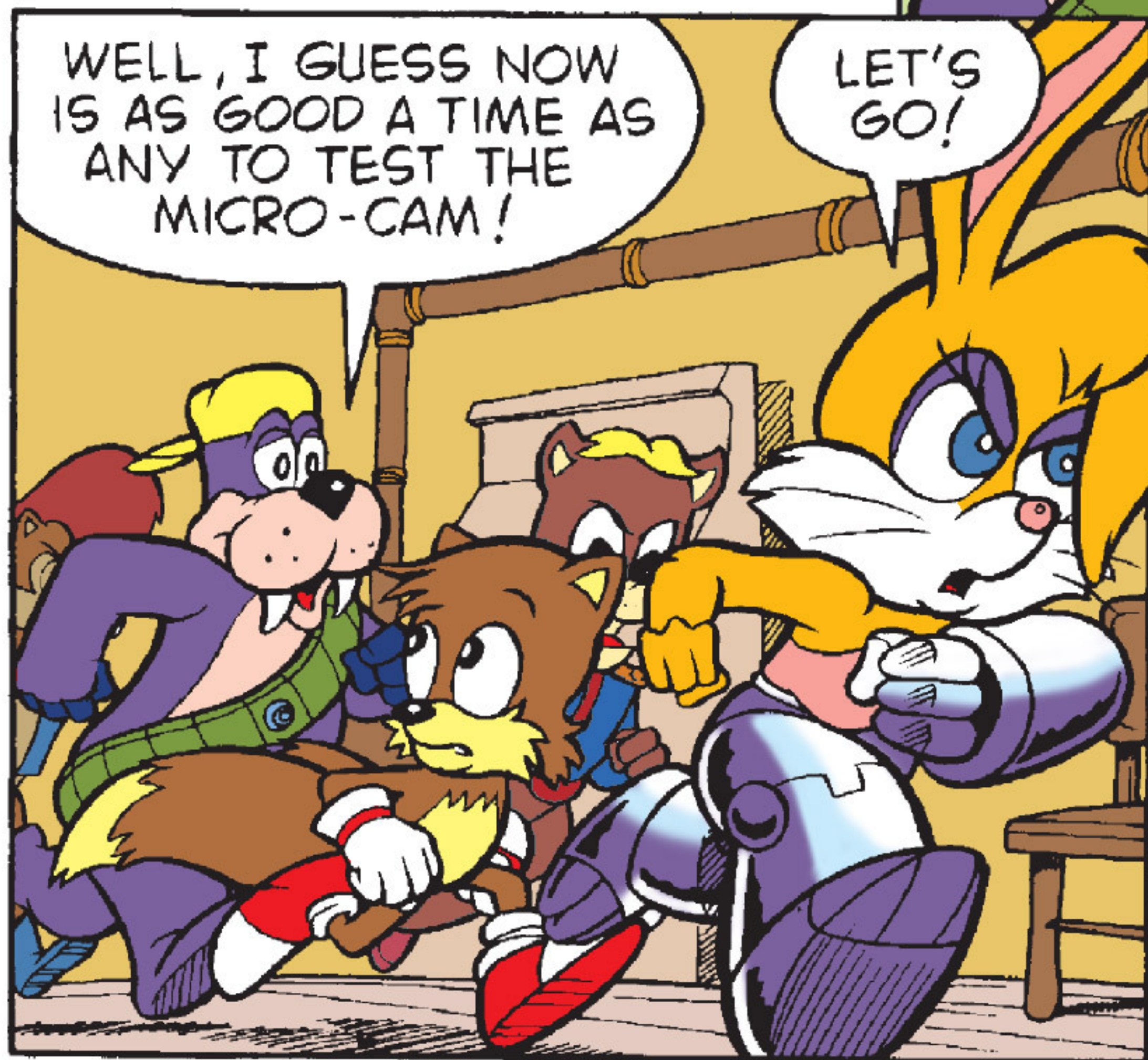
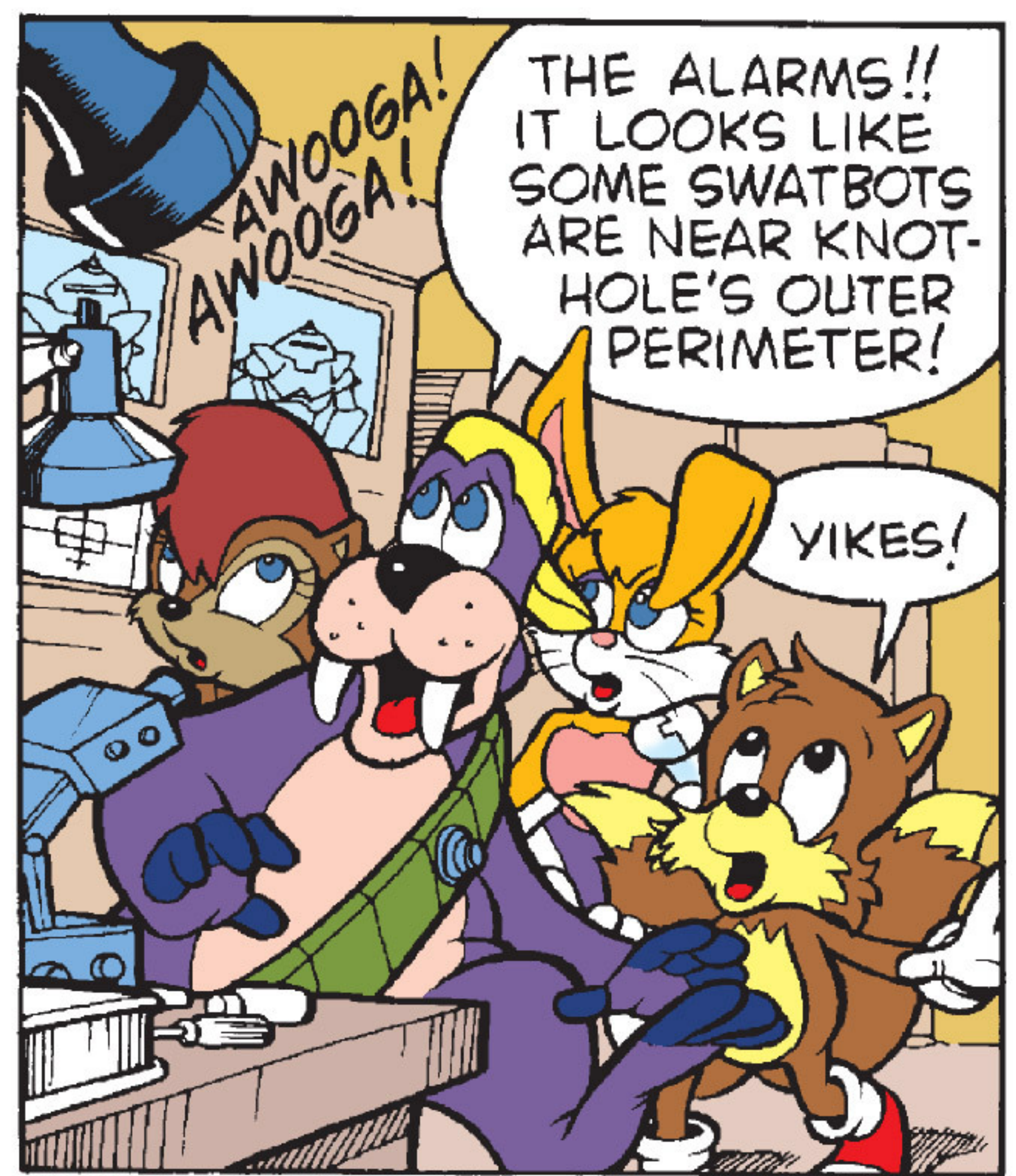
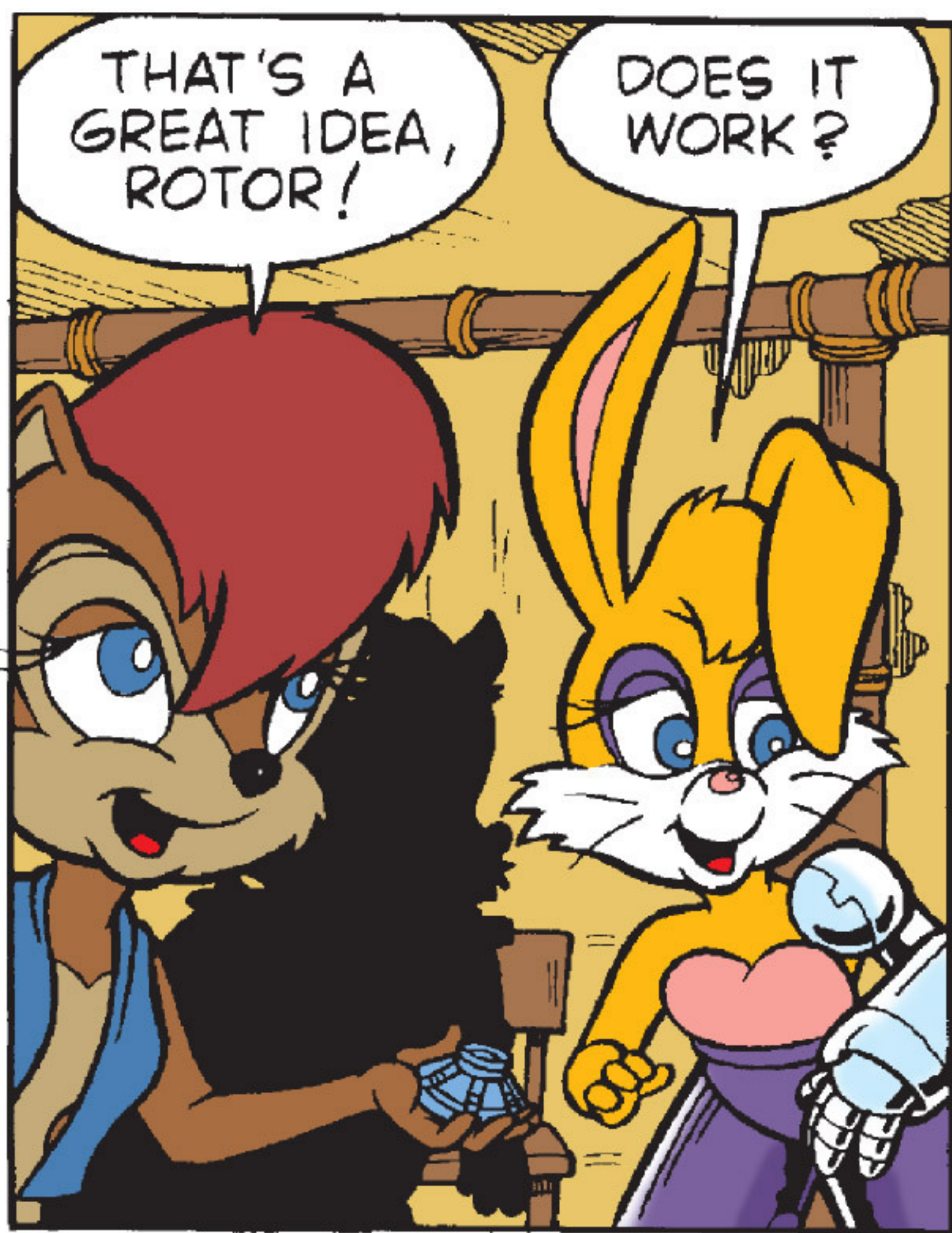
HMMM?
OH!



IT'S CALLED THE "MICRO BELT-CAM"!
IT'S A DEVICE THAT WILL ATTACH TO
MY BELT AND RECORD OUR
ACTIONS IN COMBAT.

THE CAMERA RECORDS OUR ACTIVITIES
AND RELAYS THEM BACK TO KNOTHOLE'S
COMPUTERS. THEN WE CAN REVIEW THEM
LATER TO IMPROVE OUR TEAMWORK.







...FOR GOOD! AND WITH THAT ACCURSED HEDGEHOG ALREADY OUT OF MY... ER... HAIR!... NO ONE CAN HELP YOU!

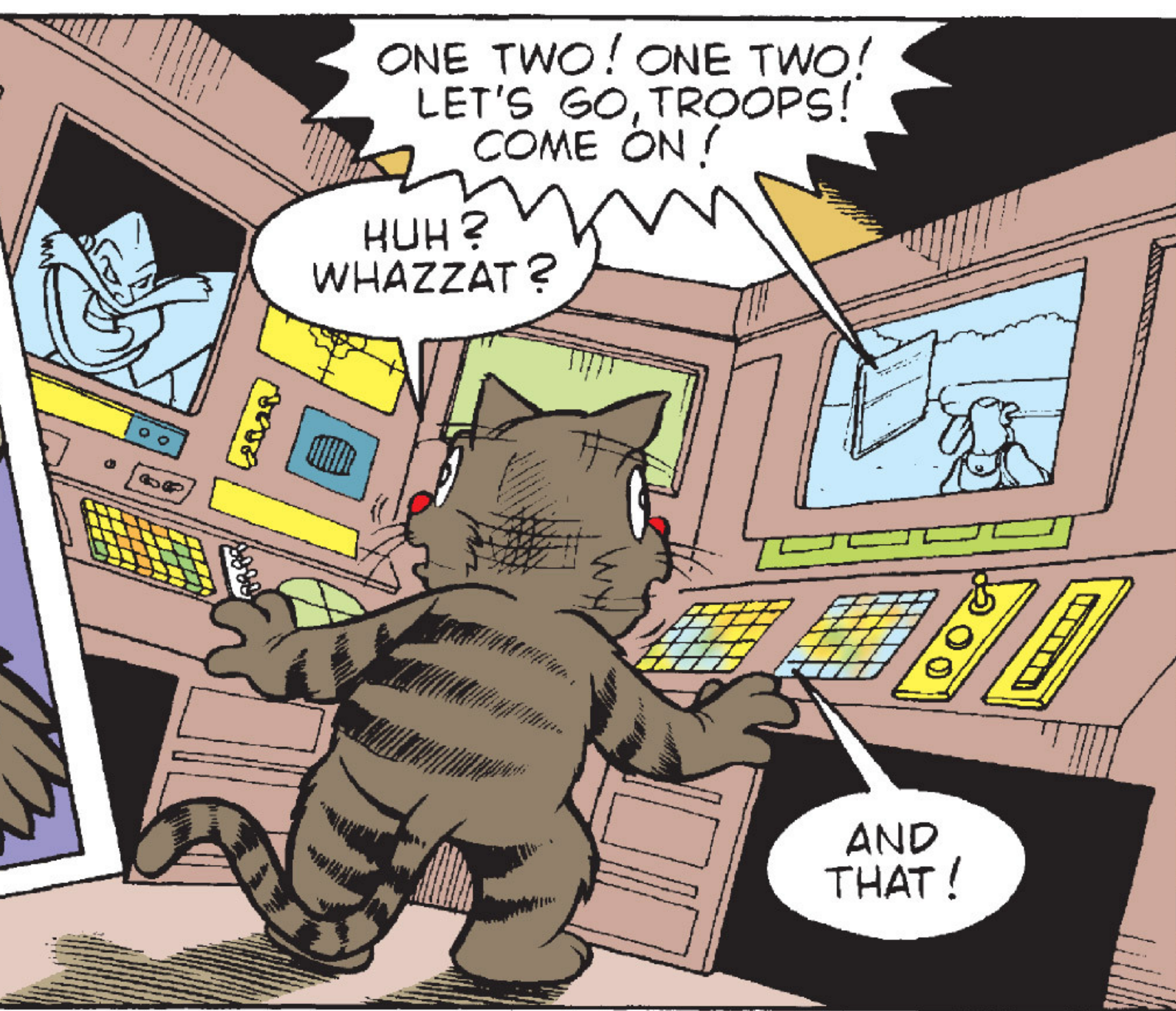
HA!
HA!
HA!



OH NO!
WHENEVER I'M AROUND SOMETHING BAD HAPPENS!



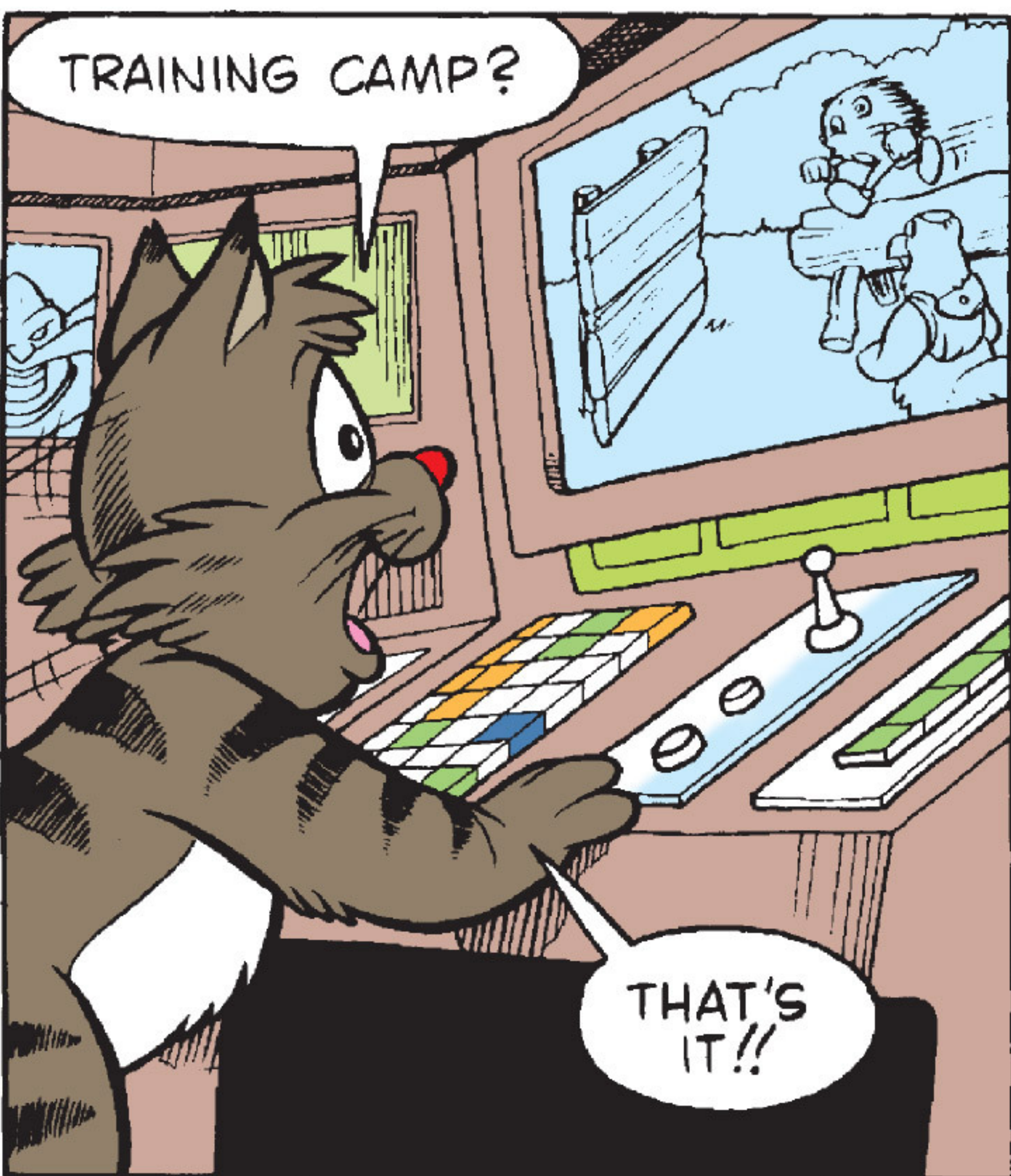
WHAT'LL I DO?!
WHAT CAN I DO? IF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AREN'T ENOUGH TO STOP ROBOTNIK, WHAT COULD I POSSIBLY DO ALONE?



ONE TWO! ONE TWO!
LET'S GO, TROOPS!
COME ON!

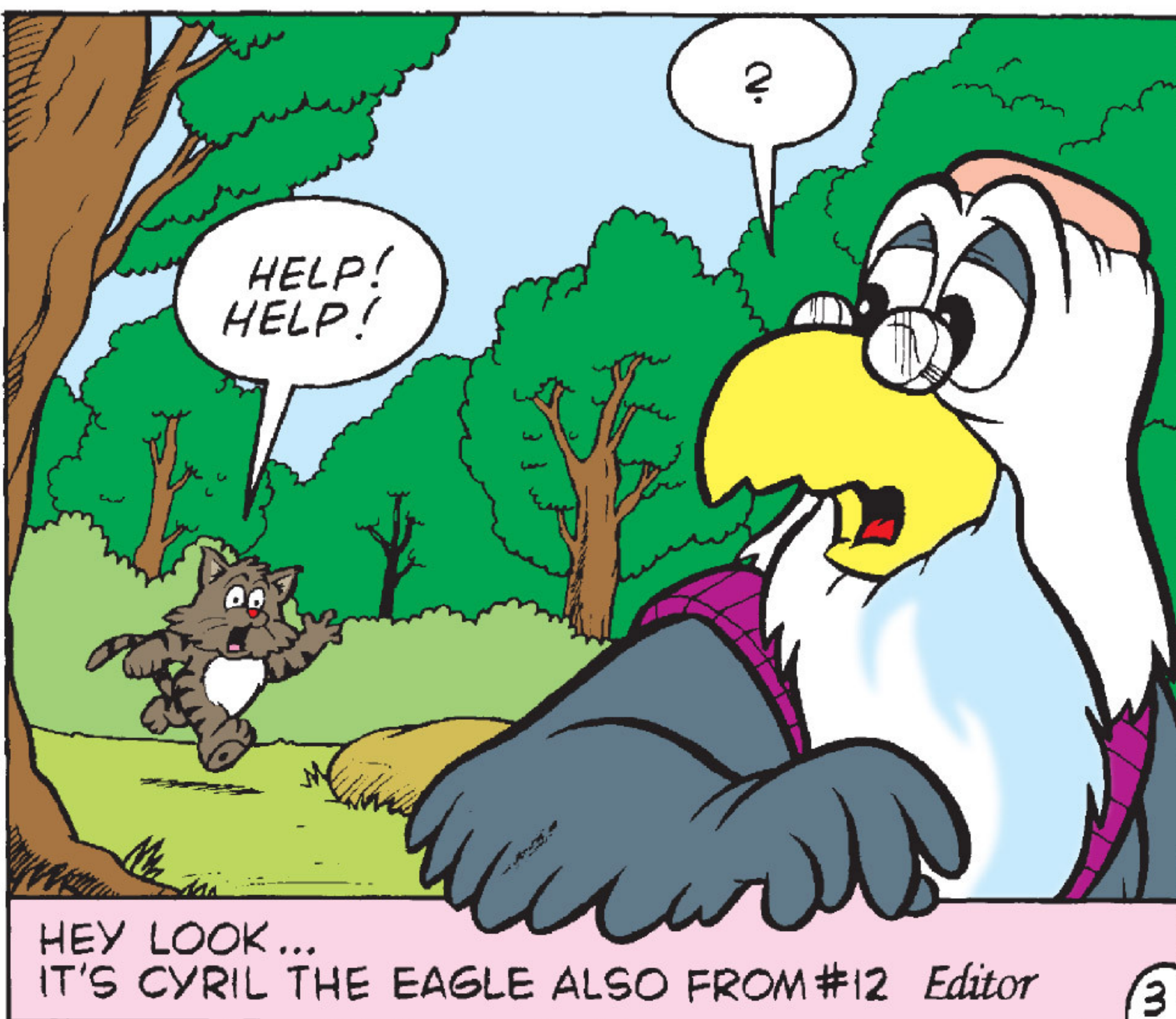
HUH?
WHAZZAT?

AND THAT!



TRAINING CAMP?

THAT'S IT!!

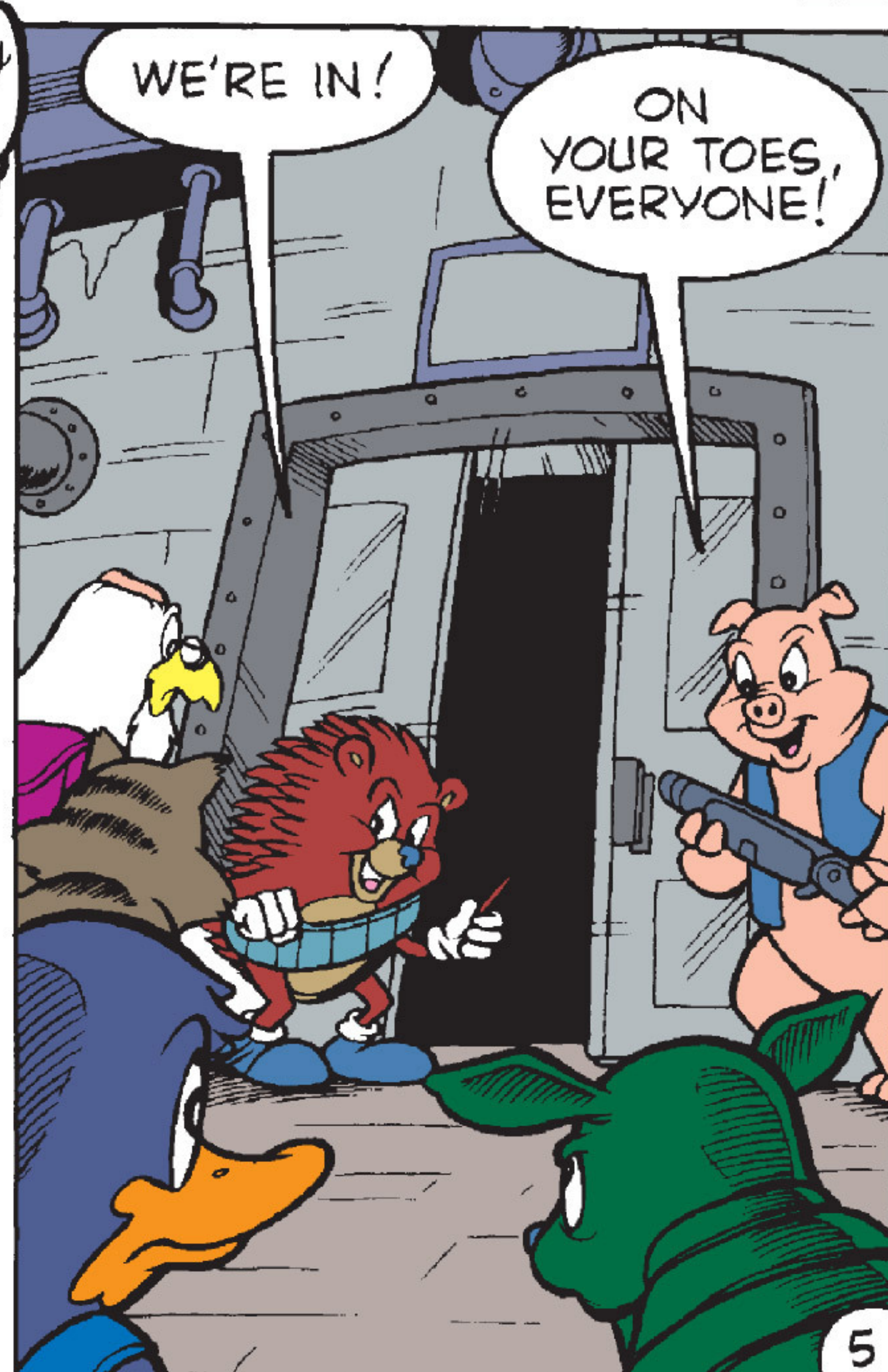
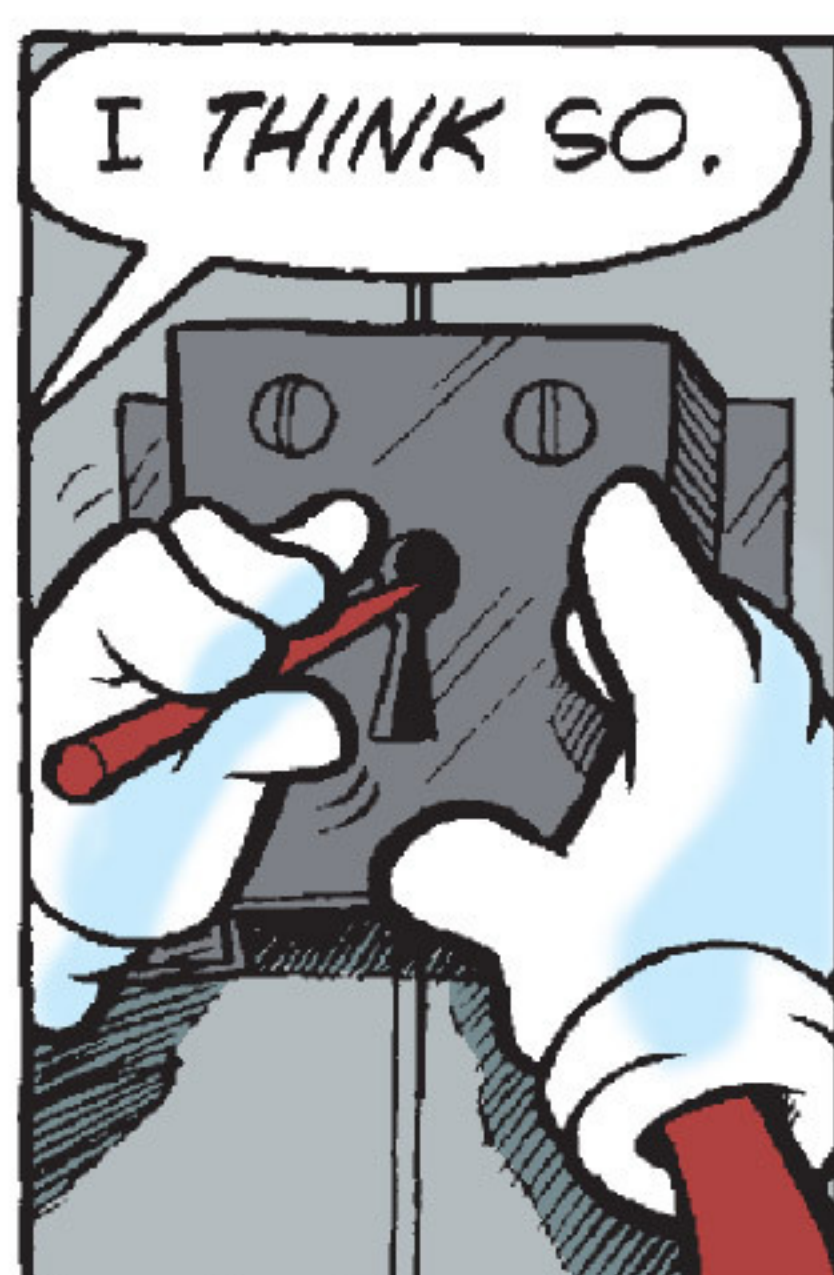
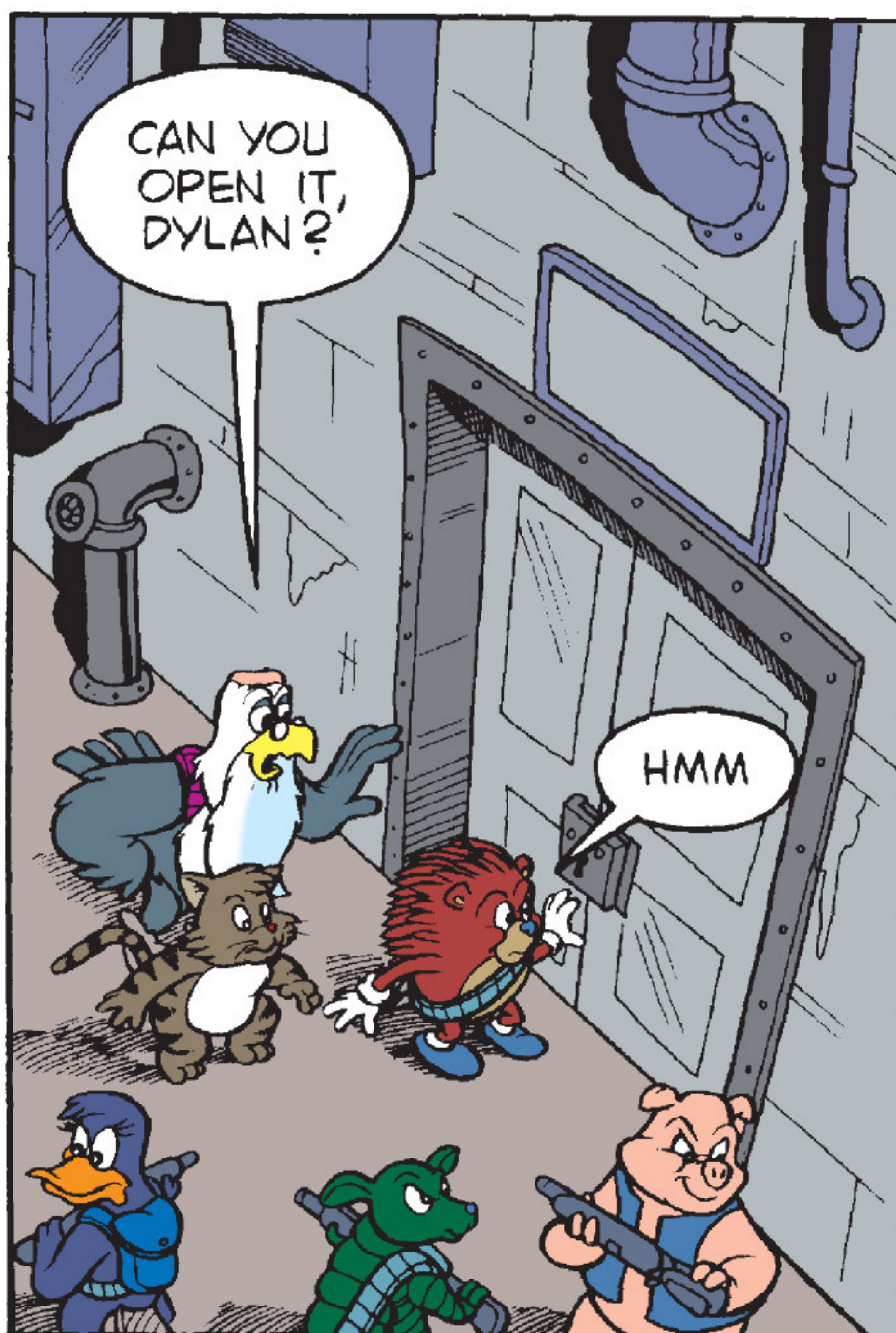
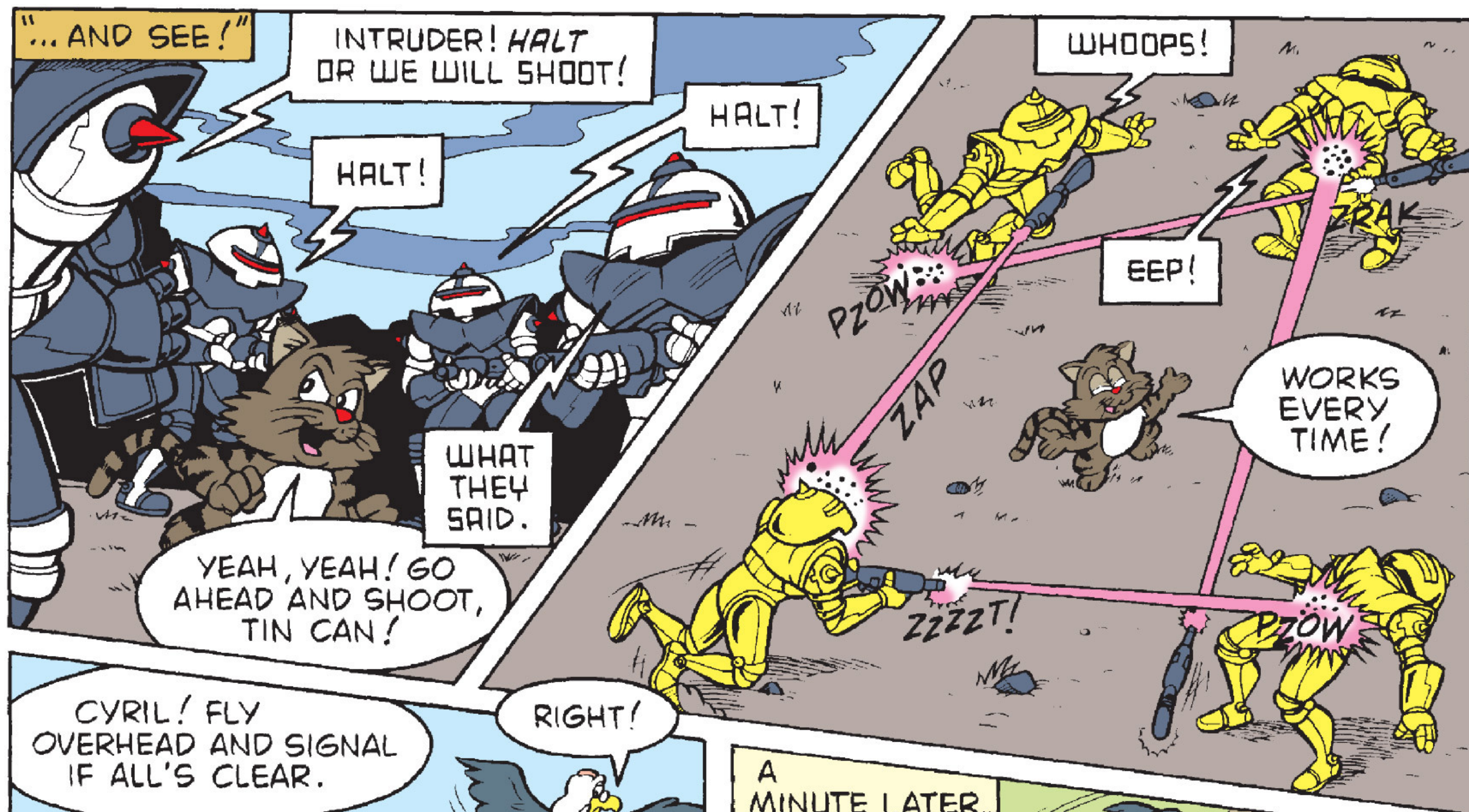


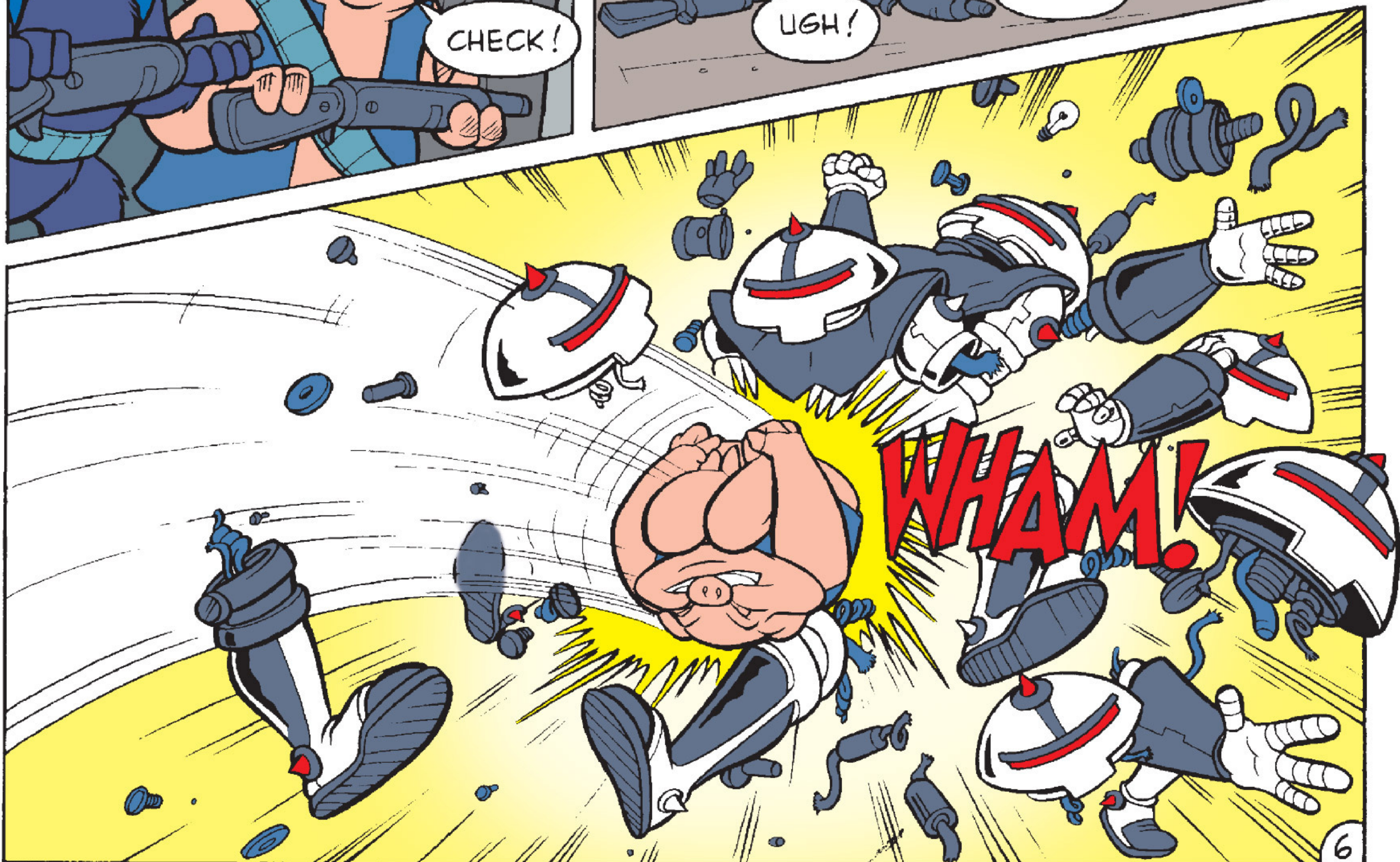
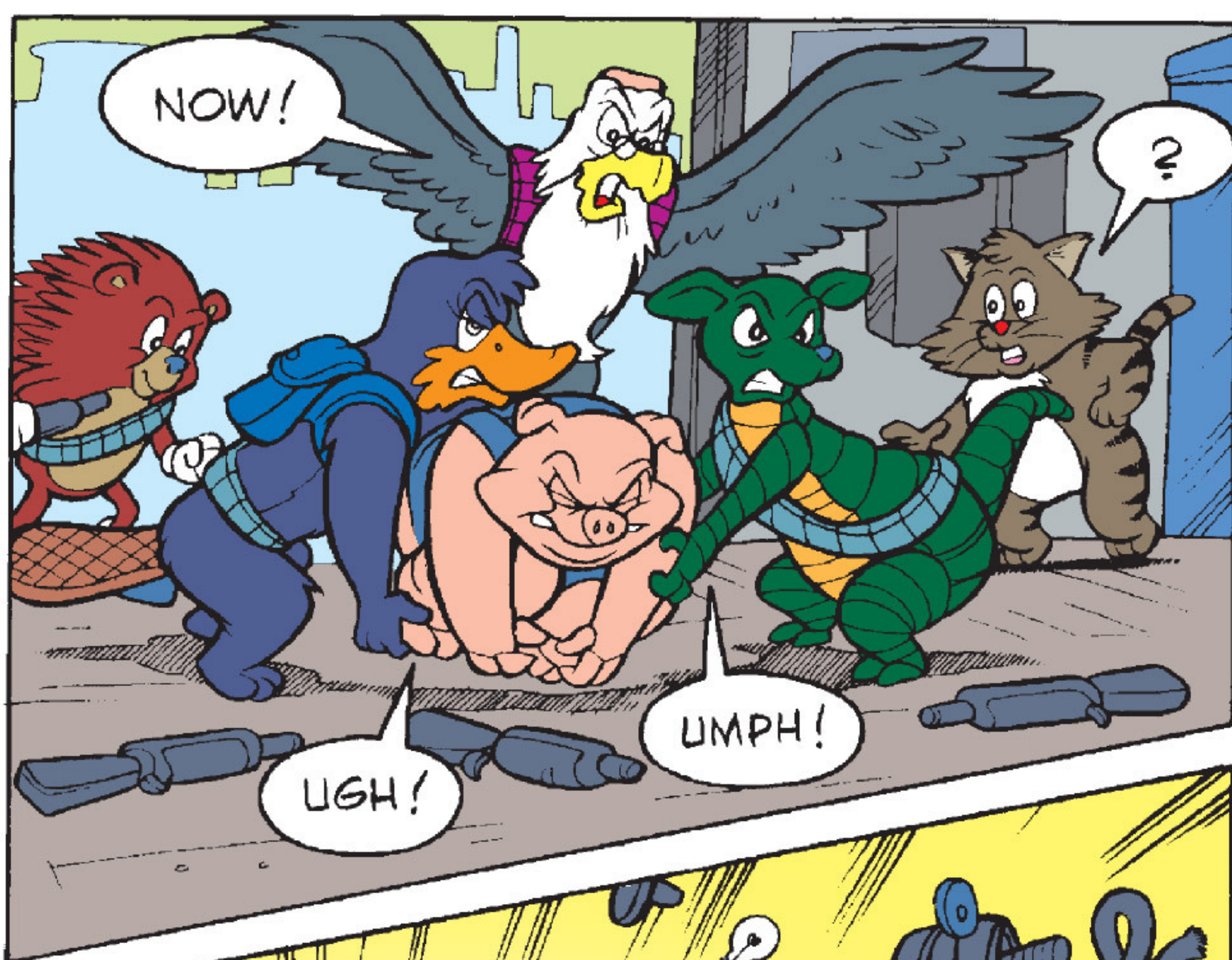
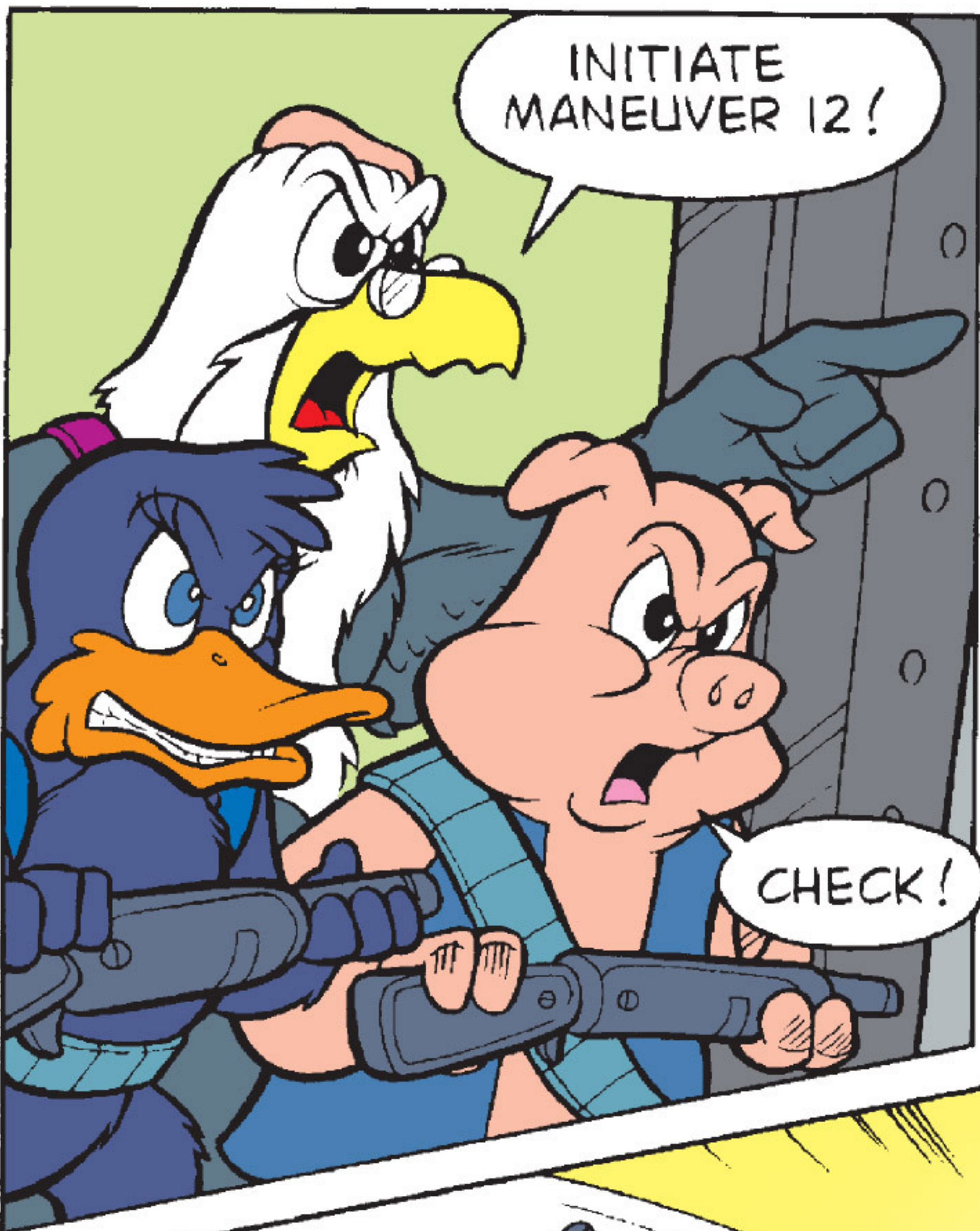
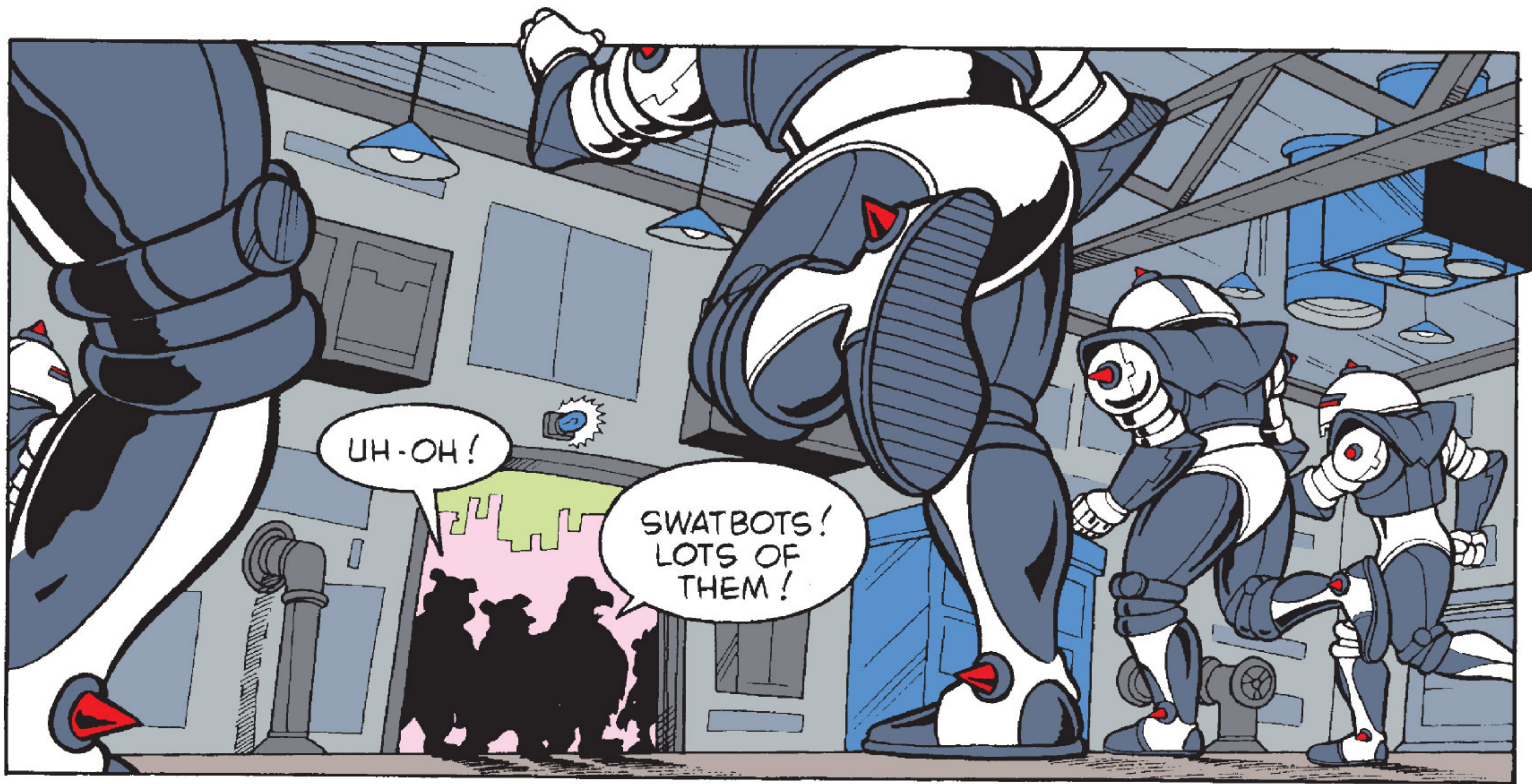
HELP!
HELP!

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HEY LOOK ... IT'S CYRIL THE EAGLE ALSO FROM #12 Editor







A FEW MINUTES LATER

HEY, LOOK!
IT'S SONIC!

THAT
TEARS IT!
NOW I INTEND
TO GET REALLY
MEAN!

STOP IN
YOUR TRACKS,
YOU INSIPID
HEDGEHOG--

AND THAT
ROBOTNIK!

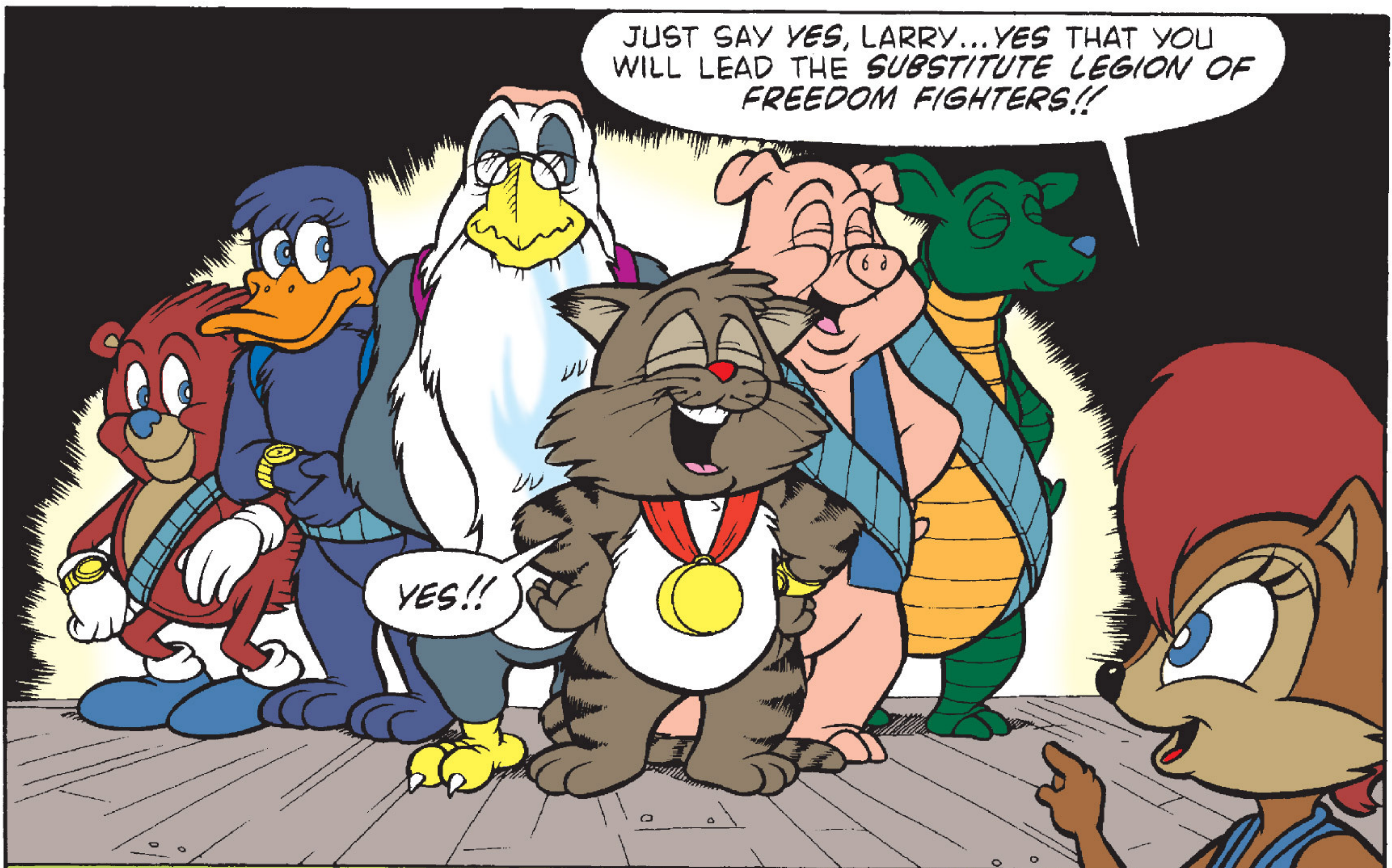
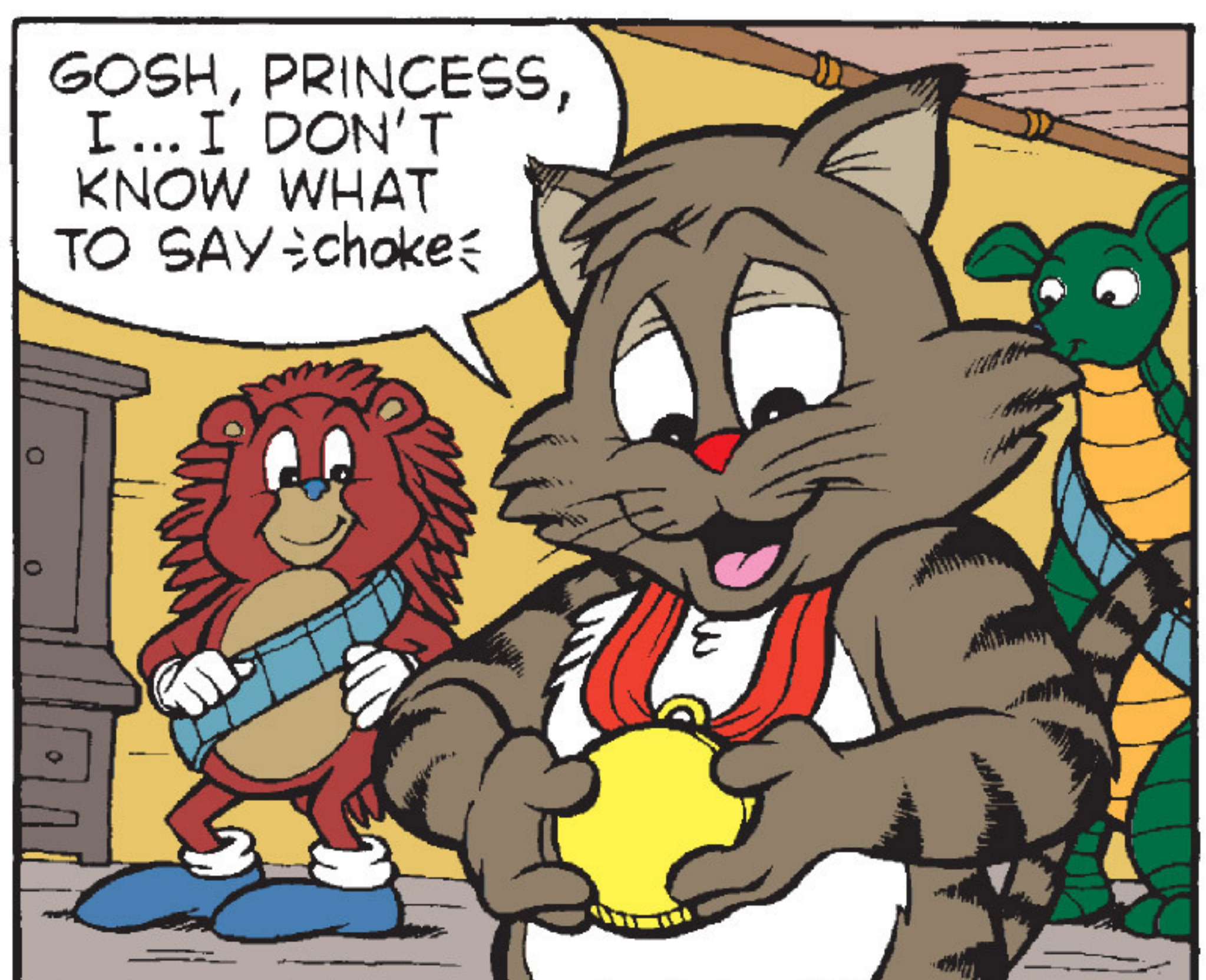
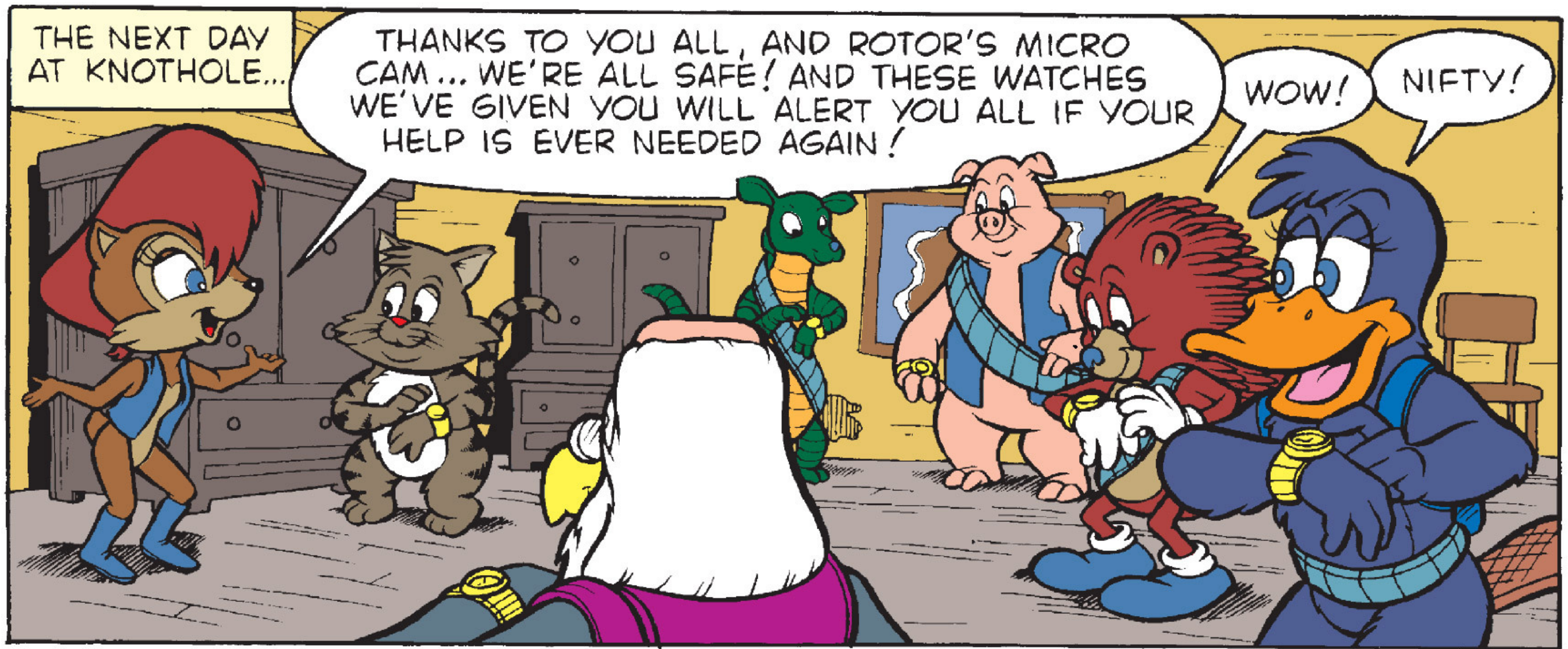
HE'LL HAVE TO
TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF
FOR NOW! THE OTHERS
ARE RIGHT UP AHEAD!
LET'S GO!

AFTER THE BATTLE
HAS BEEN WAGED
AND WON ...

HUH?!
L--LARRY?
DYLAN?

NO TIME TO
EXPLAIN NOW,
PRINCESS--

-- LET'S FIND
SONIC AND MOVE
IT OUT!



WILL WE SEE THE LEGION AGAIN? TIME (AND YOU, THE FANS) WILL TELL!

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